

Sunday, December 26, 2021

1st Sunday of Christmas

Service of the Word

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

Good Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(Red Hymnal #288)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Red Hymnal p.213)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD^l from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: I COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - FAITH: Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (N NEW HOPE)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Rev Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY

Go Tell It on the Mountain

(Red Hymnal #290)

NICENE CREED

(Red Hymnal p.104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Merciful God.

Receive our prayer

OFFERING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

(Red Hymnal p.221)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

(Red Hymnal #275)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior

Thanks be to God.