

St. Luke's Table

THE BAPTISM of the LORD

And a voice came
from heaven,
“You are my Son, the
Beloved; with you I am
well pleased.”

Luke 3.22



Baptism of Jesus, Castera Bazile Cathedral
of the Holy Trinity, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Good Morning and Welcome!

A Service of the Word

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The Gathering of the Community

God's voice stirs the waters.

Our glorious God thunders,

calling us to worship,

calling us to peace.

Beloved children, give God glory.

Worship God in the splendor of holiness.

The Grace

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God,
that you have again
brought us together to praise you
for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past, and your purpose
in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn



God's Hands and the Holy Spirit,
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Confession and Absolution

The God of every blessing looks upon us with grace and favour, even when we are captive to the curse of sin .

Trusting in our gracious God, let us renounce all that is evil and seek the mercy of the Lord.

God of steadfast love, we confess that we do not live according to your way.

You bless those who are poor with the promise of your eternal realm, but we desire wealth and the consolation of earthly treasure.

You bless those who are hungry with the promise of fullness of life, but we enjoy rich feasts and are never satisfied with enough.

You bless those who are weeping with the promise of laughter, but we praise positivity and mock your suffering servants,

You bless those who are hated with the promise of great reward, but we seek approval and despise those who are different.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Teach us to seek your blessing and to be a blessing for others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

**Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Canticle: You Are God (alternating verses)

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

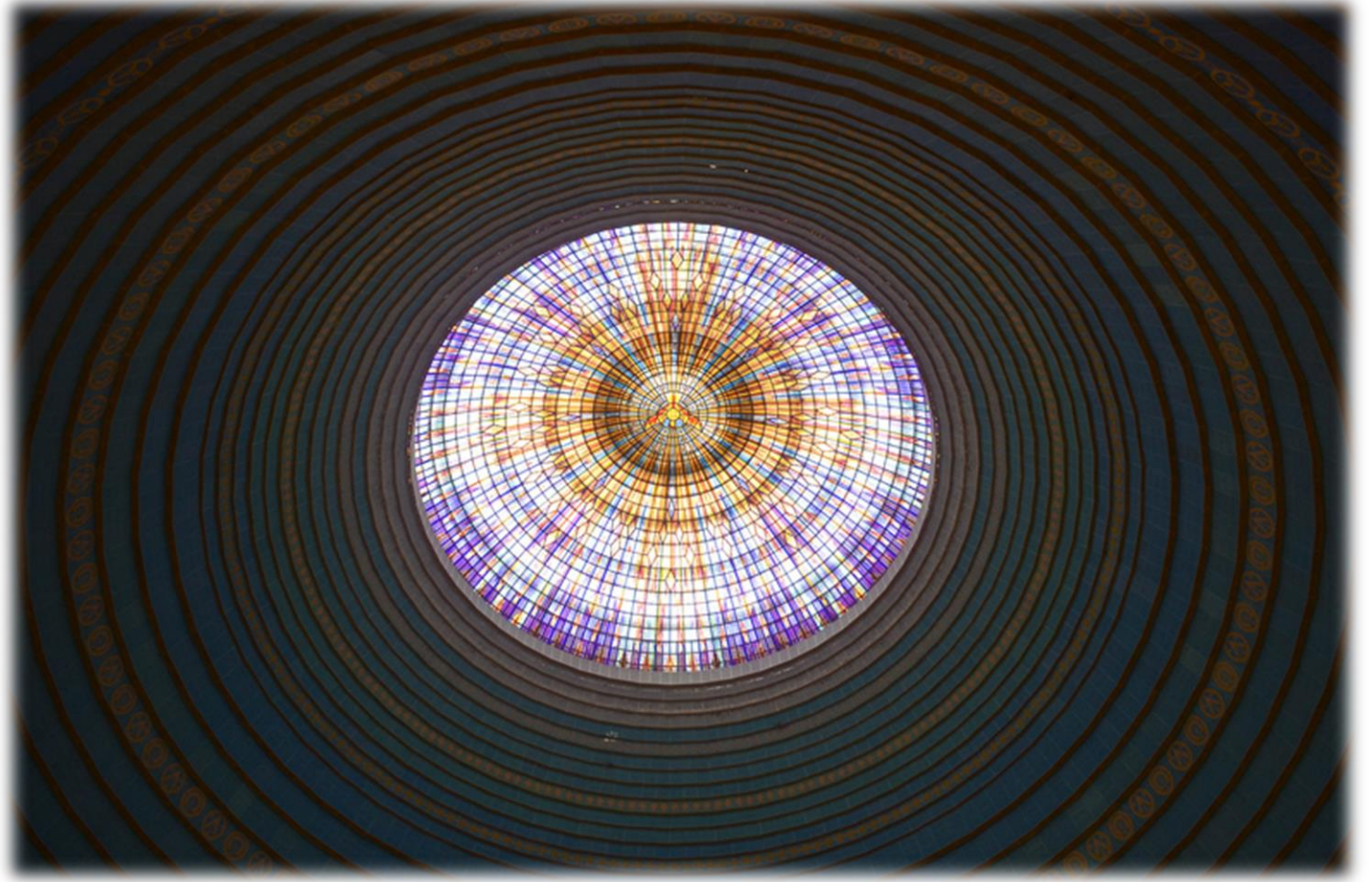
**You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 43:1-7



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Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia
and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and
honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for
you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your
offspring from the east, from the west I will gather
you;

I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *(alternating verses)*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, “Glory!”

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**God of mystery and power,
open our eyes to the flame of your love,
and open our ears to the thunder of your justice,
that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Second Reading:

ACTS 8:14-17



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Acts 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



The Baptism of Christ, Record number: [54152]

The Good News:

The Holy Gospel
of Christ according to
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
(shared as a reading)



John Baptizing Christ, Lorenzo Scott
SAAM, Washington, DC

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah. John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear the threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection



Bayou Baptism
Laura Wright Pittman

Let us pray

**God of many names, you name us your kin.
If we rest in that identity, we can welcome others, even
those we fear.**

**For you are wild, with a Spirit like a rushing wind, calling
us into the chaos of relationship.**

Yet in you there is peace.

**When the oaks whirl and the cedars shake, you promise
to be with us, through water and fire.**

**We are your people; you formed us and made us, knit us
together, and taught us to pray, through the power of
that wandering Spirit.**

Amen

The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People



Baptism of Christ -- Dave Zelenka

The Peace

We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn



Baptism, Record number: [56763]

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.**

**We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those disappointments
and failures that lead us to acknowledge
our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,
by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Closing Hymn



River Landscape, Bruegel, Jan, 1568-1625

Closing Prayer

Do not be afraid; God is with us.
God has called us by name.
Go and live as God's beloved children,
with whom God is well pleased.

Amen

Thanks be to God.

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