

St. Luke's Table

THE BAPTISM of the LORD

A voice came
from heaven, saying,
“This is my beloved Son
with whom
I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3.17



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

Good Morning and Welcome to Morning Prayer!

Service of the Word, Supplementary to the BAS

Leading:
Musicians:
Scripture Readers

Postulant Jerry Cavanaugh
Carol and Donnie Webb
Catherin Chandler
Carol Simms

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

How Great Thou Art



God's Hands and the Holy Spirit,
Record number: [56826]

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.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
As we turn our hearts and minds
to worship Almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Venite: (alternating verses)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

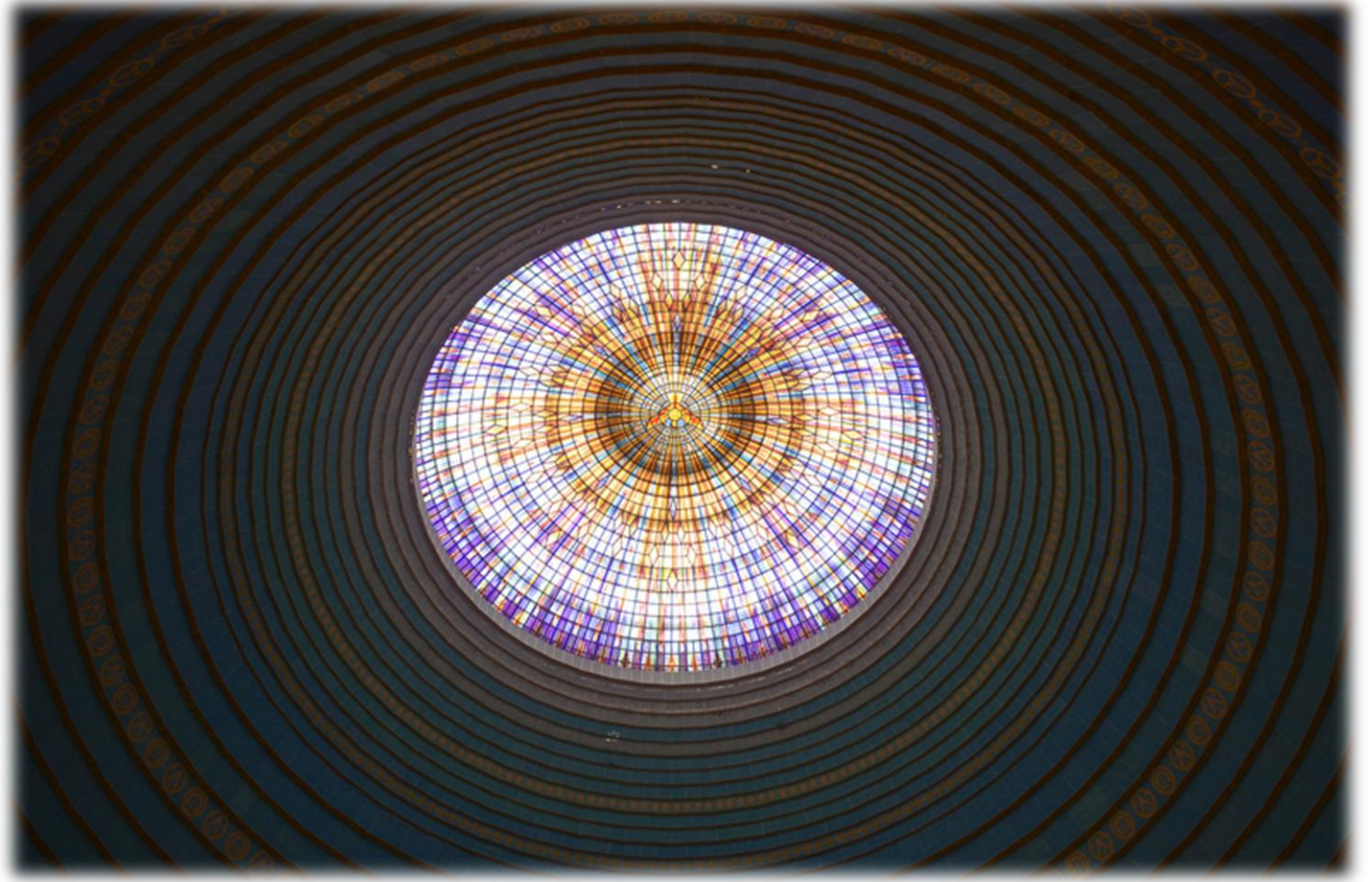
The Collect of the Day

**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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

GENESIS 1: 1-5



Heaven – Creation, Record number: [57382]

Psalms 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**

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.

Second Reading:

ACTS 19: 1-7



Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist, Record number: [55202]

Canticle: The Song of Zechariah
(alternating verses)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

**You, my child, shall be called
the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Gradual Hymn:
On Jordan's Bank



The Baptism of Christ, Record number: [54152]

The Good News:

The Holy Gospel
of Christ according to
MARK 1: 4-11
(shared as a reading)



John Baptizing Christ, Lorenzo Scott
SAAM, Washington, DC

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: Roots By The River



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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 General 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.**

Parish Discernment: Transition Prayer

**O Faithful God, as your people,
we cherish our memories
and our history as a sacred gift.**

**We ask you to guide us in our time of transition.
Bless and direct us as we carry out our work
in this discernment process
for revitalization and mission,
that through your Holy Spirit
we may make wise decisions.**

**Lead all parishioners in Your wisdom,
that we might be receptive to change and growth.
Give us Your grace to redirect our hearts
that we may be willing to offer ourselves
in joyful service.**

**Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride
to limit the work of your Spirit,
or allow tradition to prevent creativity within us
from bearing fruit.**

**Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel.
Give us courage and renewed hope,
that we may meet the challenge
of being the church of our time.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

**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

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn:

Peace Like A River



River Landscape, Bruegel, Jan, 1568-1625

Closing Prayer

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

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