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"The Last Will Be First, and The First Will Be Last"

GOD'S GENEROUS LOVE

Gathering Music

Welcome & Greeting

Let us sing about the holiness of God's name,
and tell of God's wonderful works.

With grateful hearts,
we rejoice in the great deeds of God.

We praise you, O God, for providing direction and nourishment for your people of old. We praise you for doing the same for us in the person of Jesus Christ. In him, you set before us a way of life to guide us through the wilderness experiences of our lives - those times common to us all - of illness and grief, disaster and depression, uncertainty and hopelessness. The gift of Christ's life enables us to cope with these arid times and to have faith that through him, your presence is continually with us, strengthening and supporting us. May this time of worship be an expression of our wonder and joy that you should care so deeply for us and all people.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Songs of Praise

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

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**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us**

Chorus: **You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

(Repeat all)

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From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high
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Because We Believe

Nancy Gordon & Jamie Harvill

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Men:

*We Believe in God the Father,
We believe in Christ, the Son;
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
We are the Church and we stand as one.*

Women (echo):

**We believe in God the Father,
We believe in Christ, the Son;
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
We are the Church and we stand as one.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!
All glory and honor are His to receive;
To Jesus we sing because we believe.**

Men:

*We believe in the Holy Bible,
We believe in the virgin birth;
We believe in the resurrection,
That Christ one day will return to earth.*

Women (echo):

**We believe in the Holy Bible,
We believe in the virgin birth;
We believe in the resurrection,
That Christ one day will return to earth.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!
All glory and honor are His to receive;
To Jesus we sing because we believe.**

Men:

*We believe in the blood of Jesus,
We believe in eternal life;
We believe in His blood that frees us;
To become the Bride of Christ.*

Women (echo):

**We believe in the blood of Jesus,
We believe in eternal life;
We believe in His blood that frees us;
To become the Bride of Christ.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!
All glory and honor are His to receive;
To Jesus we sing because we believe.
... because we believe.
... because we believe.**

Confessing Our Sin

Merciful God, the story of the landowner and the workers turns our ideas about fairness upside down. We probably would agree with the workers who complained about the seemingly blatantly unfair action of the landowner. We may puzzle over this parable and dismiss it as not really applying to us. But every time we suppose that our faithfulness, our status, our piety gives us a special claim on your favor, we need to hear this story of your abundant grace.

Forgive us when we measure the behavior of others against that of ourselves rather than measuring our behavior against yours. Your divine generosity astounds us and calls into question our values and our selfishness. Open our eyes to see beyond our own needs, and unclench our hands to share what we have with those in need. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News

We are enabled to live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ because of the generous love of God for 'if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

Thanks be to God!

Baptismal Song

Children of the Heavenly Father

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**Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

WE BAPTIZE

Nora Mae Johnson

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have her baptized into Christ?

Parents/Sponsors: We do.

Parents, as you bring her to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: **We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support *Nora Mae* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

***BAPTISMAL (APOSTLES') CREED**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Nora Mae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Nora Mae* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Nora Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

(The pastor, after dipping his hand in the baptismal waters, makes the sign of the cross on the child's forehead.)

***CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

A candle is lit from the Christ Candle and given to the parents as a symbol of Jesus Christ - the Light of the World, and as a reminder that they are responsible for sharing Jesus Christ with their child.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Sharing the Peace

Thought for the Day

Drama

“Deciphering the Good”

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

Children's Time

Message

Pastor Bill Peters

Song

Make Me A Servant

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Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessing

Sending Music

You are My King

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I'm forgiven because you were forsaken
I'm accepted. You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your spirit is within me.
Because you died and rose again. (repeat verse)

Chorus: Amazing Love, how can it be
That you my King would die for me.
Amazing love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor you.
Amazing Love, how can it be
That you my King would die for me.
Amazing Love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor You.

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It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, you are my king

Chorus: Amazing Love, how can it be
That you my King would die for me.
Amazing love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor you.
In all I do, I honor you.
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