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IN THEIR JOY – WONDERING & AWED

Gathering Music

Welcome & Greeting

How blessed are we when God who created this world and all that is in it,

Listens to us in our distress and answers us when we call.

So let us put our trust in God

Celebrate the wonder of God's glory revealed in and through the risen Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace.

You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet.

You opened their minds to understand why you had to die to defeat such evil and death.

Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord.

Speak your word of peace to us and let your love shine on any dark areas in our lives.

May this worship which we offer in your name, be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen

Songs of Praise

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerkson

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Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God.

Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,

One day ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

(Repeat all)

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,

One day ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God.

Come. Come. Come.

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, we hear the story of Peter and marvel at the transformation that occurred in his life, enabling him to stand up fearlessly before people and proclaim the message of Christ crucified and risen. We confess that all too often, our attitudes reflect more of the Peter of Good Friday, than the Peter of Easter and Pentecost. We forget that Peter shows how surprising things happen when faith is put to the test.

Forgive us if we don't expect surprises to happen in our journeys of faith - when we are more inclined to focus on our limitations rather than the limitless power of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to remember how Peter demonstrates that guilty memories have been transcended by his relationship with the resurrected reality of Jesus.

Forgive us if we find it difficult to move beyond any feelings of guilt to the forgiveness offered by Jesus.

Help us to remember that Jesus gives us the same message that he gave his disciples - that repentance and forgiveness of sins are to be proclaimed in his name - to all nations - beginning right there with them.

Easter is therefore the affirmation that Jesus came into the world not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him.

Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News

So, hear the good news: "Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, to whom we are reconciled through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

Thanks be to God!

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

Cael Kristoffer Singelstad

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 **Cael Kristoffer** baptized into Christ?

Parents/Sponsors: We do.

Parents, as you bring him to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he 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 him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

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

Sponsors: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support **Weston John** and pray for him in his 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

Cael Kristoffer, 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 **Cael Kristoffer** 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.

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

Amen.

Congregational Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation

All who have gathered in Jesus' name and believe in his "real presence" in the bread and wine are invited to commune.

We will commune in our pews. Please pick up the wine and wafer in the narthex.

Thought for the Day

Drama

"Never Alone"

Scripture

Luke 24:36b-48

Children's Time

Message

Pastor Bill Peters

Song

Above All

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**Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began**

**Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth**

**Chorus: Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all**

(Repeat chorus)

Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sending Music

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)

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
Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I lift Your name on high**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thank be to God

Sharing of Gifts

*Please leave your gifts as you leave in back of the church, send them into the parish office,
or use [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) (electronic giving).*

“YOU ARE MY WITNESSES!”