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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Paul Manz

INTROIT

The Star Carol (v. 1)

Alfred Burt
(1920-1954)

Long years ago on a deep winter night, High in the heav'ns a star shone bright, While
in a manger a wee baby lay, sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.

—*Wihla Hutson and Alfred Burt*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

*HYMN 22

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*OPENING SENTENCES

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
**The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD,
over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is
full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the
cedars of Lebanon.**

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the
LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the
LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king
forever. May the LORD give strength to God's people! May the LORD bless the
people with peace!**

Psalm 29

**Those who are able may stand.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, remind us of our baptism as we prepare to come to your table. Remind us of your eternal Word, which surrounds us in love, call us to lives made new in Jesus Christ, and gives us awareness of our sin. Remind us of your eternal love, from the overflowing of which all creation was made and is sustained even now. And as we are honest with you and with one another about our sin, remind us of your eternal peace, which passes all understanding and assures us of your pardon before we open our lips to pray. Renew within us the calling to live as your people. Remind us of the promises made on our behalf, even as we remember the promises we have made to you on behalf of others, for we offer all our prayers in the name of the one whose promises never fail, our Lord Jesus Christ...

KYRIE (573)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ANTHEM

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd (b. 1970)

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels: No place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; No place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me. Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels; No place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.

—*text by the composer*

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

(p. 1)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be. Amen

SERMON

Calming the Chaos

Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty

***HYMN 66**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

OFFERTORY

There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

(from Christus)

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O LORD, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; thine be praise and adoration!

—*Christian Karl Josias von Bunsen (1791-1860) (after Numbers 24 and Psalm 2), and Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)*

***DOXOLOGY (591) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD HUNDREDTH

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (581)

ACCLAMATION

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion will be served by intinction. Communion kits are available to anyone who prefers not to commune by intinction; kindly signal to an usher and a kit will be provided to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Star Carol (v. 3)

Burt

Dear baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art, I'll make a place for Thee in my heart, and when the stars in the heavens I see, ever and always I think of Thee.

—*Hutson and Burt*

POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
(How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)

Johann Pachelbel

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Preaching this morning is the Reverend Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty, Senior Director of Development at the Theological Education Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2024

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 10

Stewardship & Budget Committee

6:30 p.m.

Adult Christian Education Committee

7:30 p.m.

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