



Far Hills Campus
8:00 & 10:15 AM

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

(P: Pastor, A: Assisting Minister, C: Congregation)

PRELUDE John Benjamin

WELCOME & PARISH CONCERNS

(Standing)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Kneeling or seated)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

(Standing)

SHARING THE PEACE

P: We have been forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Savior. Therefore, let us be reconciled to each other and share the peace of the Lord.

(Greet your neighbor with a handshake or other sign of peace.)

OPENING HYMN

DIALOGUE from Psalm 40

A: I waited patiently upon the LORD,

C: **who stooped to me and heard my cry.**

A: The LORD put a new song in my mouth,

C: **a song of praise to our God;**

A: Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

C: **Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!**

A: I love to do your will, O my God;

C: **may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(Seated)

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Page 926

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Standing)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42 Page 862

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Seated)

SERMON

Pastor Sara Cutter

(Standing)

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLE’S CREED

A: As God’s baptized people connected to Christ, let us confess our faith:

C: 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 into hell. 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.

(Kneeling or seated)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (after each petition...)

A: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

(Seated)

OFFERING

(8:00) cantor

(10:15) Epiphany Chorale, John Benjamin, director

(Standing)

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the

brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,

C: you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may

know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Seated)

COMMUNION

Christ welcomes you to the meal of the baptized! All visitors who commune in their home congregations and children who have been instructed for first Communion are welcome. All others are invited to come for a blessing. Please come to the table by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by the center or a front aisle. Communion is by intinction. Dip the wafer in the wine. The middle chalice contains grape juice. To receive gluten free wafers, come to the right side of the altar. After returning to your seat, kneeling is appropriate for offering a prayer of thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

(Standing)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

SENDING

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

John Benjamin

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Serving in worship today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sara Cutter

Assisting Minister:

Lay Reader:

Organist: John Benjamin

Cantor: