



Waterways

First Sunday after Epiphany | January 8, 2023

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”

Matthew 3:15a



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**Please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Christ Jesus came to the Jordan*

Dietrich Buxtehude

***Call to Worship**

One: The Voice of God prods our hearing

All: The activity of God stretches our seeing.

One: Together They invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

All: From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk and to serve beyond where we have been before.

Hymn of Praise 604 *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

1. Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker, source of all blessing, prodigal creator. Baptized and made you own, now we come before you, while we adore you.

2. Not our own holiness nor that we have striven brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given. Baptized and set apart strengthen us O Savior with grace and favor.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation; you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation. Baptized with joy and power, give, O Dove descending life never ending.

***Doxology #95** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Prayer

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

All: Emmanuel, you have surprised us with your invitation in unexpected ways. In the expectations of our routine, we have missed the treasure that you place before us, in the rush of life we miss the visions and dreams you offer. We begin our days, our weeks, assuming all will run as it always has. We do not look for the unexpected, for your active presence in our daily lives, we do not seek the sacred in the ordinary. Forgive us, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and words to proclaim as we glimpse your glory in the ordinary! Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: God walked upon this earth sharing our human life in Jesus Christ,

All: God has conquered sin and death forgiving us all through Love and Grace

Leader: In the name of Christ, Emmanuel, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ our Emmanuel, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, amen!

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. Amen**

***Sending Hymn**

Down by the Jordan
LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing, preaching a message the people found bold and surprising. “God will forgive! Show that you’ll change how you live! Surely God’s new day is rising!”
2. There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation: “Are you God’s Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?” “No!” John replied. “He who is mightier than I judges and offers salvation.”
3. Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others, taking your place among sinners, God’s lost sons and daughters. Then with great love, God’s Spirit came as a dove! Your work began in those waters.
4. Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God’s Spirit. Freed and forgiven we’re welcomed with joy! Can you hear it? This is God’s sign! This is how God says, “You’re mine!” Let’s take the good news and share it!

***Benediction**

**Greet yourself as God’s beloved. Greet one another as God’s beloved.
Greet all you encounter as God’s beloved. In that greeting, we will be**

**and are the Body of Christ, we behold the image of God, ever among,
within and around us. Amen!**

Postlude

We three kings Janet Linker

Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who made this service possible!

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“Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God”

Words:H. Francis Yardley, 1982

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Words:Fred Pratt Green, 1973

“Down by the Jordan”

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