

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 10, 2021

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan
What God does, that is well done

Johann Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

On that first day, when time began:

**you gave birth to creation;
light danced through the darkness;
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**you spoke of life for all your children,
as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,
dancing in hope with his cousin, John.**

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**you call us to faithfulness,
as we open our hearts to you,
your voice claiming us as your own.**

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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| 1. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home: | 2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure. |
| 3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same. | 4. A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun. |
| 5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all our years away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day. | 6. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. |

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved.

Forgive us:

when we still linger in the shadows;
when we treat others in hurtful ways;
when we speak ill of your friends;
when we have been blind to everyday racism;
when we allow fear to keep us silent.

As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointing to him as the way to you.

Forgive us:

when we put ourselves ahead of him;
when we assume that he hates those we hate and loves those we love;
when we think he is no longer needed;
when we use his name as a way to silence those with whom we disagree;
when we fail to see him in the broken of our world.

Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time.

Forgive us:

when we fail to welcome the stranger;
when we refuse to forgive as we should;
when we have chosen what is comfortable over what is true;
when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Be Thou Our Vision*

SLANE

Be Thou our vision, O Lord of our hearts;
Lead us and guide us to give our full part
To be Your hands and feet in every place,
Serving You humbly and filled with Your grace.

Original text for St. Andrews

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Evans

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 29

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Acts 19:1-7

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presentation

Invitation

Reaffirmation of Faith through Baptismal Questions

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and your acceptance of him as the embodiment of God's call to responsible human living and as the full expression of God's love to the world?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,
Maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore;
And in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one,
By the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.
Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.
From the grave he did arise; and ascended through the skies;
Now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.

I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;
Saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;
Flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.

*At this time, we invite you to join us on Zoom, as our worship continues
with the ordination and installation of elders and deacons,
benediction and passing of the peace.*

<https://zoom.us/> Meeting ID: 219 872 595

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Presentation

Congregational Vows

Do we, the members of the church, accept these as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? Do we?

We do.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE



Notes on Today's Music

Opening Voluntary The text was written in 1676 by Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708), a German teacher and hymnwriter. It was written to comfort a sick friend. The text and music first appear in the *Weimar Gesangbuch*, 1681. In it he lays out what it means to deal with the problem of pain and suffering through the perspective of faith. Our God is sovereign and full of love, and every circumstance he brings us through is good and right and true.

This chorale setting is by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748) who was a German music theorist, organist, composer, and lexicographer of the Baroque era. It has two contrasting verses: the first is an ornamented setting with the chorale in the upper voice; the second has the melody in canon between the soprano and bass, with the latter played in the pedal. Here is a translation of the text:

*O God, what You ordain is good, Your holy will abiding;
We shall be still, whate'er You do, and follow in Your guiding
You are our God; Though dark our road, You hold us that we shall not fall;
Wherefore to You we leave it all.*

First Hymn The text was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), an English Congregational minister, hymn writer, theologian, and logician. He was a prolific and popular hymn writer and is credited with some 750 hymns. He is recognized as the "Godfather of English Hymnody"; many of his hymns remain in use today and have been translated into numerous languages. The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5 and first appeared in *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament* (London, 1719).

The music was composed by William Croft (1678-1727), an English composer and organist, and is remembered almost exclusively as a composer of church music. He was a chorister at the Chapel Royal under John Blow, who exerted a very strong influence over all composers of this period. At the age of twenty-two Croft became Organist of St. Anne's, Soho, hence the original name of the tune ST. ANNE'S. It was shortened to ST. ANNE in an 1861 collection which became standard. In 1708 Croft succeeded his master, John Blow, as Organist of Westminster Abbey and Composer to the Chapel Royal.