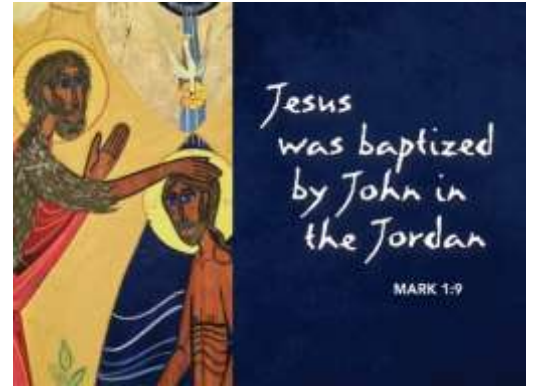


Baptism of Our Lord

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1): sky, waters, ground; sun, moon, stars; plants, animals, people. Then God rested. So, welcome to this time for rest and worship.

INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark’s gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit’s movement that distinguishes Jesus’ baptism from John’s. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God’s beloved children and setting us on Jesus’ mission to re-create the world in the image of God’s vision of justice and peace.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the italicized texts silently in your heart as your own words.

OPENING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

(vs. 1 & 2)

ELW #310

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P A prophet appeared in the wilderness, *calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord.* *Acts 19:4; Mark 1:2–5*
We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.
- C *God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.
Forgive us, gracious God.
In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.* *Ps. 29:1; Mark 1:7*
- P Hear the good news of the gospel: *Mark 1:11*
As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,
so God says to each of us:

You are my beloved child,
and with you I am well pleased.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C *Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

PSALM 29

L ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

L ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

L ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

L ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

LESSON: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Baptized in Water" (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #456

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**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 Pilot,
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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray.

C *Have mercy, O God.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C *And also with you.*

P Lift up your hearts.

C *We lift them to the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**C 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.**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✚ keep you in peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come!” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #314

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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