

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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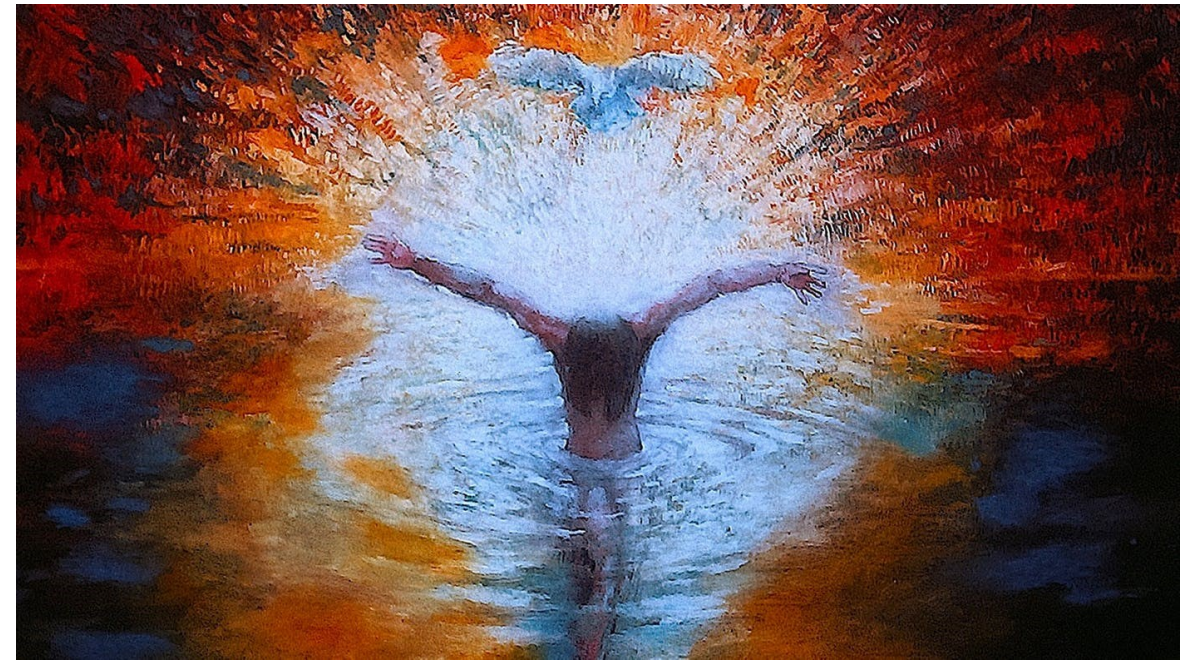
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The Baptism of the Christ with Dove
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JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love?

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

God's love never vanishes from us.

Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us. Amen.

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

***PRAY:** *(After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)*

Your word of light and hope floods into our lives, O God. We have lived in darkness, in despair and fear, doubt and strife. But on this day of celebration, you remind us that we are marked by you to be witnesses to your light of new hope. As the heavens opened at Jesus' baptism, so is your love poured out on us. We have brought before you names and situations which concern us, people who face illness and grief, whose lives are torn by poverty, war, alienation, addiction, and hopelessness. We ask for your loving mercy on them, O Lord. Heal them and bind up their wounds. Help us to be people who are ready to be involved in ministries of peace and justice, bringing the light of your hope to those who dwell in darkness and despair. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, "Our Father..."

SING A HYMN: "Spirit Song"(UMH #347) (CCLI 20203297)

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you,

and his Spirit, like a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,

and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *(Refrain)*

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:15-22

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

READ OR LISTEN: The Baptism of Jesus Pastor Nan

RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED: (UMH #881) Pastor Nan

**** OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)**

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

***BENEDICTION:** *(Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)*

People of hope and peace, go into the world. Bring God's healing love to all whom you meet. Help with ministries, which promote justice and compassion. In Jesus' name, go in peace. Amen.

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Take some time to study the details from today's reading from Luke 3:15-22. Compare Luke's account to this story as it appears in Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 9:1-11, and John 1:29-34. How are these stories alike? How are they different? Can you think of reasons why certain details were omitted? How did this study stretch your knowledge and your faith?

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Today's passage emphasizes that Jesus was praying when the Spirit came upon him. Explore with a friend other places where Jesus is in prayer in Luke when he makes important decisions. See pages 2-3 of the sermon, which tells you where you can find this information in Luke's Gospel. What do you both learn about how God works?

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