

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 8, 2017

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

PRELUDE

St. Columba

C. V. Stanford

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"{W}e are ordained of God to be people of hope. It is there by virtue of our being in the image of the promissory God. It is sealed there in the sacrament of baptism. It is dramatized in the Eucharist—"until he come." It is the structure of every creed that ends by trusting in God's promises. Hope is the decision to which God invites...a decision against despair, against permanent consignment to chaos, oppression, barrenness, and exile." **Walter Brueggemann***

Today's cover photo, by John Wesson, is of the new font in the Salisbury Cathedral. The font is designed to create a mirror image no matter what side it is approached from, so that all the church is and does is reflective of its Baptismal identity.

When you see an asterisk () you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all parts in **bold italics**.*

INTROIT

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

J. Horman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deep inside us all—old and young alike—

There is a place of faith,

A place of trust and hope and love,

A place not of our making, but ours to nourish.

Approach this service as the child of God you are—

With openness of heart and unlimited hope,

With a trust that makes us vulnerable to our dreams and the needs of the world around us,

And with love that is easy and quick.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Purple, No. 475

OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD,
CLAIMING THE PROMISE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT (SEE INSERT)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Remember your baptism and be glad.

In the name of God the Creator,
God the Christ, and God the Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* Purple, No. 488

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Author of Love, across the generations you call faithful people to live as your Beloved, your Sent, your Love for the world. Help us to hear that call this day as your Word is proclaimed. May we respond in faith and joy, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Today in Sunday School the children are learning about John the Baptist from the Book of Matthew.

Given that we have moved baptisms from their traditional location after the proclamation of the Word to before it, we place reaffirmation of the baptismal covenants in the same location in the service so all baptized members can participate.

SERMON READING Luke 3:1-6, 10-22 NT, p. 60
SERMON *A Time for Prophets*
RESPONSE *For Everyone Born* Purple, No. 769
(verses 1-3 only)

For Everyone Born, which will also close our service, was written by New Zealander Shirley Erena Murray in 2000, and was first sung in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Wellington. The current tune came eight years later.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Come, Share the Lord* Arr. L. Larson

*Response *Gloria, Gloria* (Latin) Purple, No. 583

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In gratitude and thanksgiving, we bring our offerings, our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Take and transform all we offer so that all that we do, say, and are may further your coming reign of peace, justice, and love. Amen.

Given that we have taken to referencing our worshipful work in this time when we share announcements and Minutes for Mission, it seems appropriate in the new year to identify it as such.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN *One Bread, One Body* Purple, No. 530

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Today, as a sign of our response to God's gracing love, we will come forward and receive communion by intinction. You are invited to take a piece of bread (it is all gluten free) and either dip it in the common cup or take a cup from the tray provided. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to remain in their seats and a server will bring communion to you.

