

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Year B January 10, 2021
INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Pay attention: God is still speaking wisdom, still revealing truth, and still breathing new life in our world.

***SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:12-19**

*** OPENING HYMN: # 707 Hymn of Promise**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

People: Happy are those who receive God's mercy.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

People: Shout for joy, you people of God.

All: Let us worship the one who gives us strength to resist
temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

Walk with us, faithful traveler, as we journey with Christ
through this season. Help us overcome the temptations we face
each and every day. Save us from the time of trial; and send your
angels to minister to us in times of weakness. Raise us to newness of
life, through the gift of your Spirit and the love of your Son. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

453 More Love to Thee, O Christ (vs 1, 2 & 4)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

Holy One, we do not always face temptation well. We settle for loaves
of bread when our souls long for bread that does not perish. We put
you to the test, seeking signs of your favor, when we should "be still"
and rest in the knowledge that you are God. We place our trust in
leaders who make promises they cannot deliver, when we should be
putting our faith in you.

Forgive us, O God, and help us be found worthy of your calling,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

600 Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we acknowledge our failings before God,
God wipes away our shame.
Receive forgiveness and mercy,
through the gift of God's grace in Christ.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:1-11**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"Living Our Faith"**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 710 Faith of Our Fathers**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*** CLOSING HYMN: # 99 My Tribute**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— ¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the ^[a] offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from one *offense resulted* in condemnation, but the free gift *which came* from many ^[b] offenses *resulted* in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the one man's ^[c] offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸ Therefore, as through ^[d] one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one ^[e] Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (NKJV)

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and,

'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not ^[a] tempt the LORD your God.' "

⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, ^[b] "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.



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