

**† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION †**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 10, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

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**INVOCATION and CONFESSION** (*Congregation rising*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in Your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE (*Congregation rising*)

P Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**C You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.** (John 6:68)

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

Father Welcomes

Sam Eatherton

## **SERMON**

Rev. Scott Geminn

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Congregation rising*)

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Guided by Christ, who has been made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

P For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation, and for faithful stewards to care for all God has made. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For the nations of the world and their leaders, especially during this time of global pandemic; and for essential workers, first responders, health care providers and all who labor on our behalf by day and night. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For our nation, that God's providence may guard us, as a united people, from all evil; and that President-Elect Biden, Vice President-Elect Harris, and all our leaders may be strengthened and sustained in their care of this country. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For the sick and those who care for them, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for the bereaved and all who suffer, especially those on our prayer line and those we lift up either silently or aloud...(PAUSE). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For our community of faith, including those here present and those whom we cannot see; for all students, faculty and staff returning to school; and for those seeking renewal in their work and volunteer activities, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, hear these and all our prayers for the sake of the One who dwells among us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **† HOLY COMMUNION †**

#### **PREFACE** (*Congregation rising*)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known in Your Son, who manifested the fullness of Your glory in the form of our human nature. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

P Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you...  
(*We eat the bread*)

P Take and drink, the blood of Christ, shed for you...  
(We drink the cup)

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P O God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Go, My Children

Jim Vyhanek

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*Please wait for the pastor to proceed out of the sanctuary, then exit out of the building. Bulletins and used communion containers may be placed in the receptacles provided.*

*Please also fill out the Attendance Form and place it in the offering plate by the Jesus Fountain. If you have any prayer requests or other information to share with the Church Office, you can use the back side of the form.*



## **News and Notes:**

**Flowers in the chancel** are given to the glory of God and with thankfulness for all His blessings, from Marcia Kollmann.

**Sunday School** continues remotely for families at home. Videos are posted weekly and Grades 3-6 are invited to Zoom with Sunday School teachers on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. as well as on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. with Erika Schultz. If you need more information, please contact Superintendent Sarah Gleason at 914-610-0822 or [chrisnysarah@netscape.net](mailto:chrisnysarah@netscape.net).

**Donuts and Discussion** - Students in Grades 7-12 are invited to meet virtually on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. The Zoom info will be provided by text and email. Please contact Pastor Geminn at [SGeminn@VLC-NY.org](mailto:SGeminn@VLC-NY.org).

**Winter Worship Schedule** - The Saturday service has been temporarily suspended and will resume in late winter/early spring. We continue with two services on Sunday at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

**Prayer Conference Call** is offered each week on **Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.** The call-in number is **(1) 732-434-3982**. If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the back side of the Attendance Form or contact Kim Rapillo, Church Office Administrative Assistant, at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org).

**Lunch and Learn: Which Side Would You Choose?** This is a very political time in history and there are strong views from many perspectives. But this is not the only time. **Historian and VLC Member Richard Forliano** shares a fascinating look back at the American Revolution and the challenging choices that were made by both sides. Join via Zoom or Conference Call on **Tuesday, January 12, from 12 noon - 1 p.m.** Enjoy your own socially distant lunch as you learn with friends. For information on how to join, call the church office at 914-337-0207 (1003).

**SOUP KITCHEN MEALS:** On the second Wednesday of every month. Please sign up in advance to choose your food item, pick up an aluminum tray (back of church or Reception Area), prepare food at home, and drop off at church on the day of delivery. Our next date will be **January 13**, when the menu will be:

- Roasted chicken drumsticks, Mac and cheese, String beans, Brownies

To volunteer or get more information, please contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or [NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org](mailto:NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org).

**Women's Bible Study/LWML Group** meets in person on the third Saturday of the month in the **MPR at 9:00 a.m.** The next meeting will be on **Saturday, January 16**. We continue to use the book *Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On, Trusting God in the Tough Times* by Stormie Omartian. If you have the book, please read chapters 10, 11 and 12 in preparation for our discussion. All women are welcome! For more information, please contact Deacon Wendy Krolides (914-391-9356) or Terry Vidal ([terry.n.vidal@gmail.com](mailto:terry.n.vidal@gmail.com)).

**Kids Yoga is starting mid-January 2021:** VLC and Chapel School families are invited to try some Kid's Story Time Yoga fun, a 30-minute Zoom class to keep those kids moving! The cost is \$8 per class and a portion will be donated to VLC. For more information and to sign up contact Cathleen Elliott by email to [Cathleen@flyleafdesign.com](mailto:Cathleen@flyleafdesign.com).

**Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP:** We continue to collect food donations for ECAP through the church. Bring items with you or drop off on the third Thursday of each month in the Concordia parking lot from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. The next **drop-off date** is **Thursday, January 21**.

**Zoom Book Discussion** - "Meant for More: In, With and Under the Ordinary" - On **Monday, January 25, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Pastor Hartwell will be exploring this new book with the author, VLC member and Concordia College President Dr. John Arthur Nunes. Copies of the book are available to pick up at church. Suggested donation is \$15. You are invited to join via the Zoom video platform or dial in by telephone. For information on how to access the discussion, call the church office at 914-337-0207 (x1003) or email [VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.org](mailto:VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.org).

**Pandemic Potluck Cookbook** - Thanks to everyone who contributed their recipes and stories. This January is the perfect time to try making a new dish, or to get inspired by someone else's cooking ideas. If you did not receive a copy, or if you would like additional copies, feel free to pick one up at the welcome table or send a request to Kim Zwisdak in the Development Office, by email to [KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org) or call (914) 337-0207, x1040.

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Andis Akerfelds, Joan Bevers, Andy Boron, Bob Capabiancho, Frank Clark, Lillian DiMucci, Annabella Hansen, David & Linda James, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Frank Lyman, Joan Paliotta, Sylvia Puig, Linda Roth, Steve Smith, Ben Tashoff, Rod Tomlinson, Vincent Valentino

**Bereavement Prayer Line:** We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

† **Leo Dudin**, long-time friend of the congregation and Good News Coffee House, who passed away on December 22, 2020

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