



Lent Wednesday Worship March 24, 2021



Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: Baptized and Set Free

We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed; endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized set free!

Lenten Dialog

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine upon us.

May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

We call upon you, O Lord; come quickly and give ear to our voices as we call to you. Let our prayers be counted as incense before you and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch before our mouths, O Lord, and guard the door of our lips. Let not our hearts incline to any evil thing; let us not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But let our eyes be turned to you, O Lord God. For in you we take our refuge. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Lenten Homily: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Hymn of the Day: Burning Cry

“I was there to hear your burning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”

“I was there to hear your burning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;
when I wake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you. Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Benediction & Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty and merciful God, Father,+ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending, Amen.