



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA
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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
JANUARY 12, 2025 | 10:30 AM

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Your presence is truly a blessing to our church family.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Worship begins with a moment of silence and the music of the prelude. Please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome & Announcements *(beginning at 10:20)*

Moment of Silence & Prelude

Variations on "All Glory Be to God on High", arr. James Coe

The Acclamation *(from the back of the church)*

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Procession: Hymn 421

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

Remain seated.

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Gospel Procession WLP 883 (refrain)



Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Message

The Rev. Seldon M. Walker

A period of silence for reflection will follow the Message.

The Nicene Creed (Enriching Our Worship 1)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The People stand or kneel as able and respond to each petition using the following form

Intercessor ...God of light and life.

People **Receive our prayer.**

The Concluding Collect

God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Priest and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The priest stands and says

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Thanksgivings

The Thanksgiving Basket for January will go to the Little Free Library. Altar arrangements are given to the glory of God by David & Lynn Grimsley in celebration of the birthdays of Mary Lynn Janis and Jennifer Grimsley; and by Deana Ricks and Denise Wash and in memory of their mother Glenda Vinzant Williams.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table not of the Church, but of the Lord and all baptized Christians are welcome to come to the table. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. If you are not baptized and would like to come forward for a blessing, please know that you too, are welcome.

The Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Offertory Piece pour Orgue, Cesar Franck

At the Reception of the Offering (sung by all) Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (Enriching our Worship) The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S-130 setting: Schubert

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God S-164 *setting: Schubert*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace,
give us your peace.

Distribution of Communion

In the Diocese of Southern Virginia intinction is currently not authorized by individual communicants. Intinction has consistently been shown to be the practice that is the least hygienic and most conducive of bacterial germs. Therefore, and to be in line with the guidelines of our Diocese, Grace will now only allow sipping from the chalice by individual communicants and that chalice will be wiped with a purificator following each individual who sips. If you wish to have your wafer dipped, the Eucharistic Minister will dip it for you. Please hold the wafer in your hands so that the Eucharistic Minister can see that you wish to have your wafer dipped. If you do not wish to sip or have your wafer dipped, please know that receiving Communion in one kind (i.e. bread only) is a sufficient and perfectly acceptable Communion practice. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy administering the bread. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Thank you.

Communion Music

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 448, vs 1-3 and 6

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The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Postlude Fuga, Josef Sieger

Service Assistants

Guest Organist

Sarah Bland

Acolytes

Menolly Earle

Grif Mahan

Matthew Poteet

Apple-Rose Powell

Lay Assistants

Aleyne Hamers

Gerry Smelt

Gordon Rheinstrom

Usher

Joe Mahan

Vestry

Art Boyce

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

RED WAGON SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I-CHURCH

9:30-10:30 A.M. SACRED GROUND ALUMNI
GATHERING-PARISH HALL

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30-8:05 A.M. CENTERING PRAYER-ONLINE

1-3 P.M. BOOK SHOP BOARD MEETING-BOOK SHOP

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30-9:30 A.M. CENTERING PRAYER-RIVERVIEW

10:30 A.M. STAFF MEETING - PARISH HALL

11 A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN

4-5 P.M. FINANCE COMMITTEE-ONLINE

6:30-7:30 P.M. OUTREACH COMMITTEE-ONLINE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:45-10:10 A.M. DAY SCHOOL CHAPEL-CHURCH

NOON HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II WITH HEALING
PRAYERS-CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 CONTINUED

2-3 P.M. DAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING-PARISH HALL

6-8 P.M. ORIGINAL MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

11 A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN

4-5:30 P.M. GRACEFUL KNITTERS-RIVERVIEW

6:30-8 P.M. THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW

6:30-8 P.M. CREATION CARE CIRCLE #1-CHOIR ROOM

7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. CURSILLO-RIVERVIEW

7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I -CHURCH

9:45 A.M. PRE-SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL - CHOIR ROOM

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH

11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM

5 P.M. EVENING PRAYER AND GUEST RECITAL-PARISH HALL



PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Those who were killed by the violence and acts of terror in New Orleans, Gabriel N. Simon (killed by gun violence at Stillwater Tavern, Hampton), Ivey Woodard (family of Sue Kidd)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Brendon Baez, Erica Baez, Adrian Bogart III, Adrian Bogart IV, Meghan Collins, Bryce Everette, James Gouger, J.J. Jones, Thomas Lopez, Justin Mowery, Max Poelker, Andrew Sainsbury, Alex Szlamczynski, Donald Washburn, William Washburn

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Those affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles, Virgie Twigg, Laura Boice, Gail King, Mary Jackson, Wayne Hall (family of Lamar & Warren Hall), Lennyn Drendel (Day School student), Katy Forbes (friend of Grace), Abby, Norma Grinnell (family of Jean Grinnell), Danielle & Tom Cannella, The Rev. Pam Webb, Bonnie Griffith, Dick Swift, Lou Stack, Madeline Sell, Jennifer McMasters (Day School teacher), Mr. Johnson (friend of Gigi Carter), Debora Clapp (friend of Bonnie Griffith), Joan Stewart-Altman, Foster Ryan, Ed Boice (brother of Laura Boice), Sharon Owen (friend of the Village), LeAnna Brunson, Thea (friend of The Rev. Pam Webb), Cassie Dutro (granddaughter of Karen & John Dutro), George Thomas (brother of Peggy Lansinger), Erin Tschida (niece of Marlene Bryan), Nichele Browne Cooper and Lisa Browne (daughters of Sylvia & Ivar Browne), Faye Keenan, Audrey Claar (granddaughter of Brenda Moore), David McAllister (nephew of Kathy Michaels), Leland Barnett (family of Caroline Griffith), Liz & Jerry Landgraf, Britt McCarley, Tammy Quarles (friend of Pam Foster), Kenita Carter (daughter of Gisele Carter), Martin Field (brother of Vance Field), William James (family of The Rev. Seldon Walker), Miles Claar (grandson of Brenda Moore), Patty Harris, Dorothy Burke (sister of Marilyn Staton), Bruce Fisher, Donna, John, Dee Holland Brock & Melitta Holland (family of Sandy Armstrong), Ron Tschida (brother of Marlene Bryan), the people of Israel and Palestine, the people of Ukraine

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Hymn 421



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

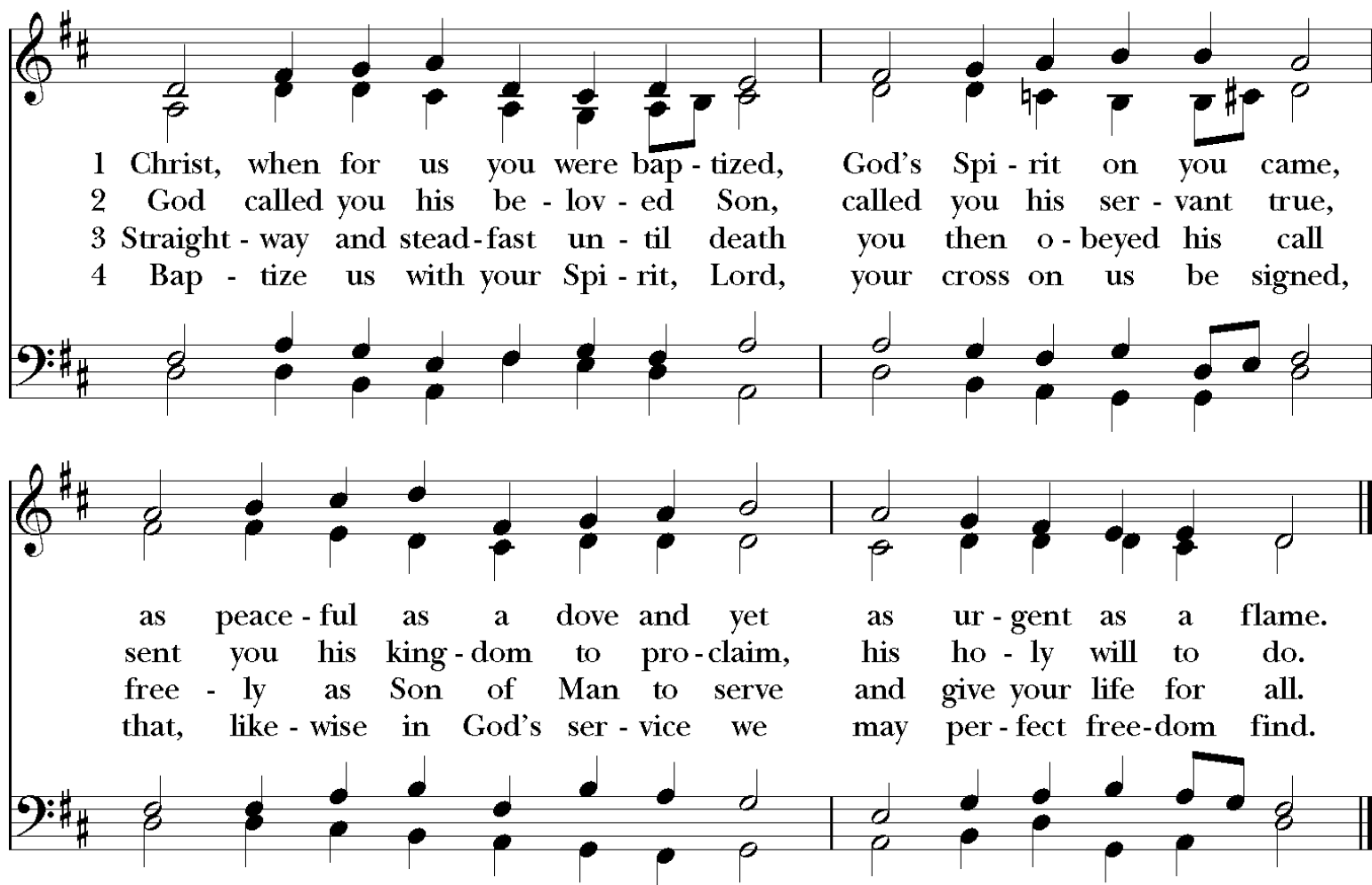


to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Hymn 121



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free-dom find.

1 Spi - rit of God, you moved o - ver the wa - ters
 2 Spi - rit of God, by the pro - phets you sought us,
 3 Spi - rit of God, like a dove you once rest - ed,
 4 Spi - rit of God, like a might - y wind blow - ing:
 5 Help us to see you, still call - ing and car - ing,

whisp - 'ring God's love to the whole of cre - a - tion.
 cal - ling us back from your pride - filled be - ha - vior.
 show - ing God's joy on the day Christ was bap - tized.
 sud - den - ly Chris - tians stopped hid - ing and fear - ing.
 help us to know you a - mong us, cre - at - ing.

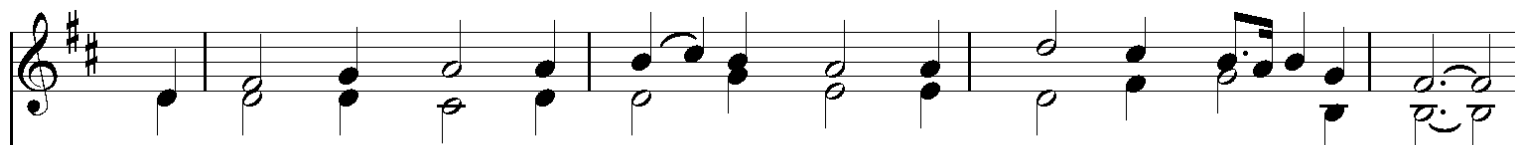
You breathe your life in - to God's sons and daugh - ters,
 Through cho - sen lead - ers you reached us and taught us;
 You sent Christ out to the hills to be test - ed,
 You gave them cour - age and love o - ver - flow - ing,
 Spi - rit of God, give us cour - age and dar - ing—

giv - ing us tal - ents and your in - spi - ra - tion.
 by your own gift we were giv - en our Sav - ior.
 through you, he called us to see God with new eyes.
 so they pro - claimed you to all in their hear - ing.
 to share God's love with a world that is wait - ing.

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Music: *O quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681.

Hymn 116



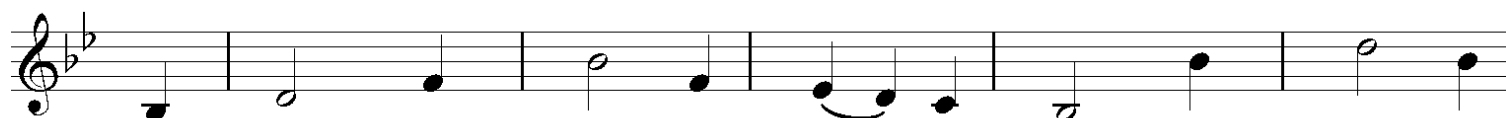
- 1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
 2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness," he said.
 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
 4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
 5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.



- 1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
 2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com-mands, through Jor-dan's flood was led.
 3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
 4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right-eous - ness.
 5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!



Hymn 448, vs 1-3 & 6



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.



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Childcare (up to 5 years old) and Children's Chapel (K-5th Grade) are located on the lower level of the Parish Hall
The Nursery will remain open until 11:45 a.m. Children's Chapel participants will join the congregation at the Peace.

Overflow seating available in the Parish Hall

Consecrated bread will be located on the small Altar in front of the television. Parish Hall worship participants are always welcome to walk to the Historic Church for communion as well.