



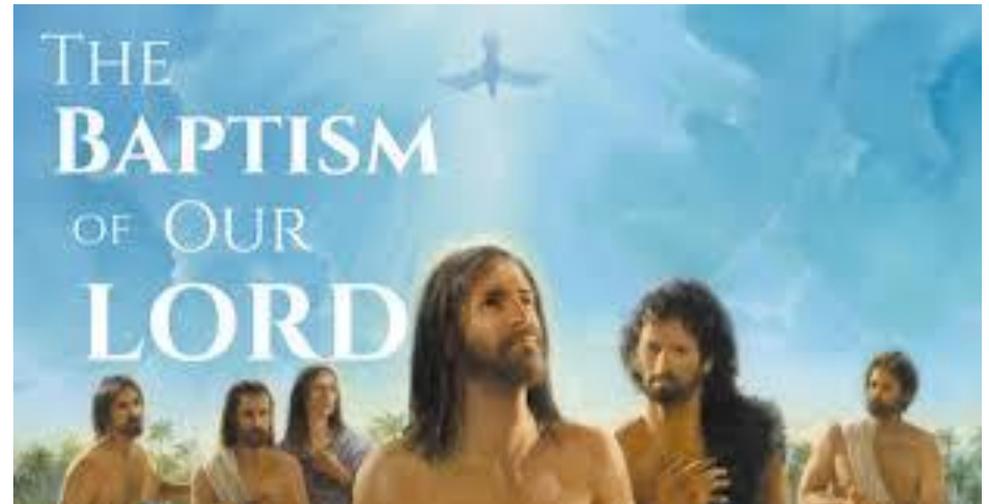
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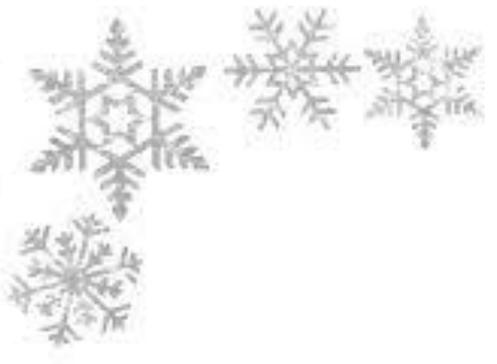
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Baptism of Our Lord

9:30 am





PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

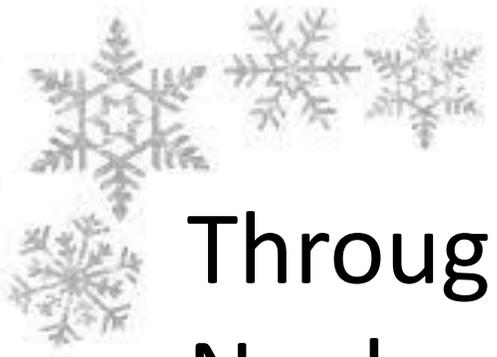
P: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

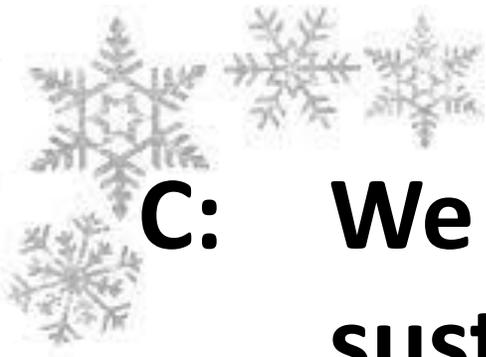


P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word, you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.





Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.



C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

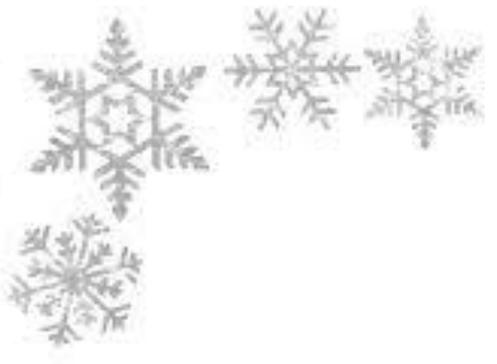




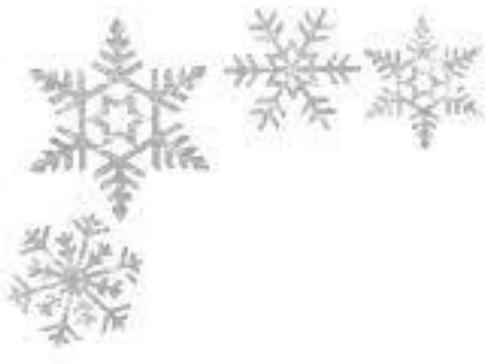
OPENING SONG *“Baptized in Water”*



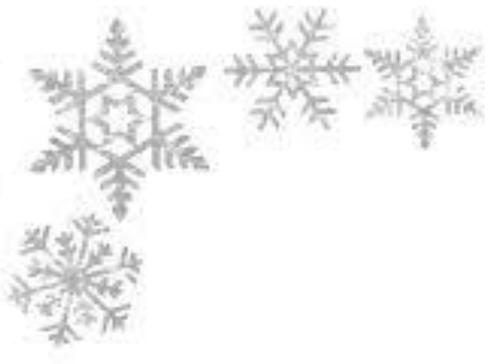
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**



**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**



**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**



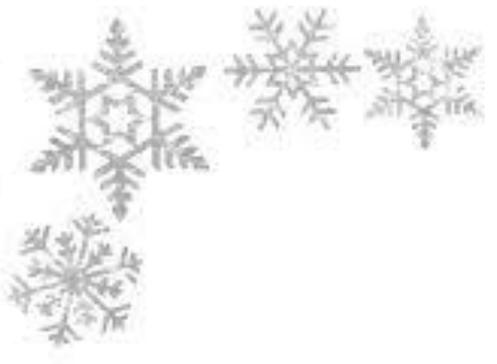
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.”



On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

C: Amen.

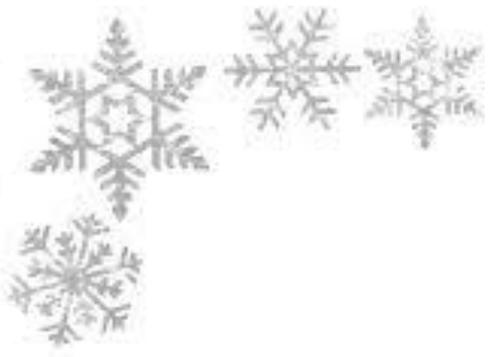


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Almighty God,

C: **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, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**





CHILDREN'S CHURCH

"Let the
little children
come to me."

Matthew 19:14



FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

R: A reading from Isaiah, the 43rd chapter.

But 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.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

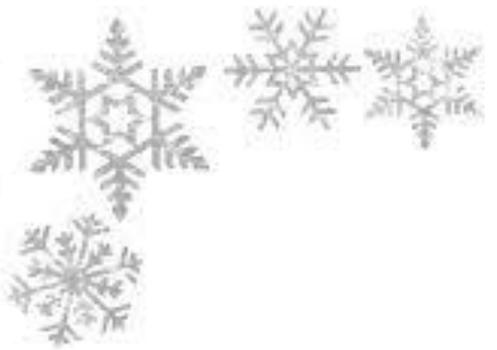


A Responsive Reading From Psalm 29



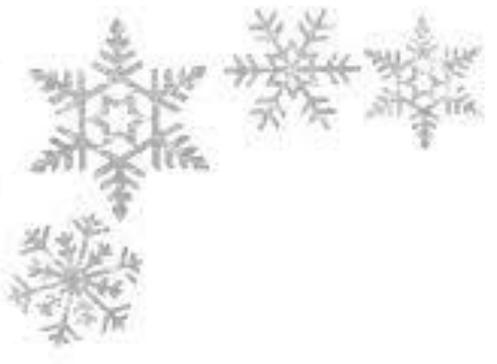
R: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's
name; worship the LORD in the beauty
of holiness.**



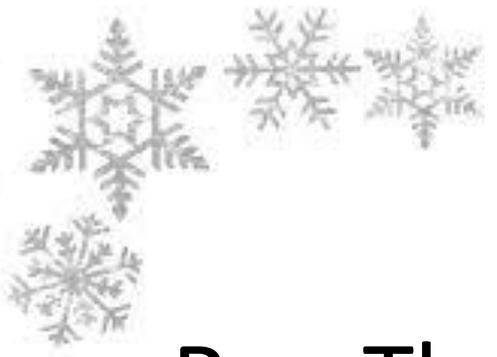
R: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the LORD is
upon the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**



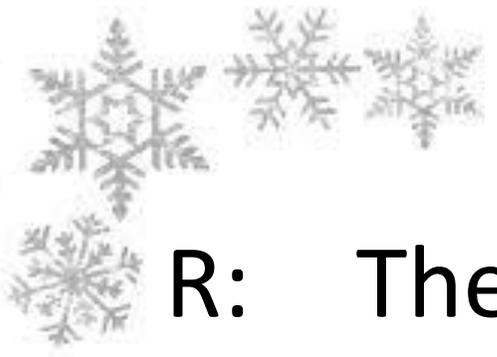
R: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.



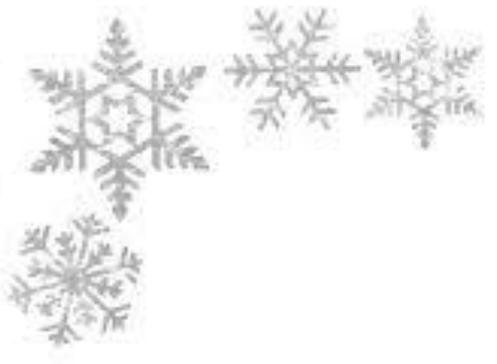
R: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.



R: 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!"

C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.



R: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

C: Amen.



SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

R: A reading from Acts, the 8th chapter.

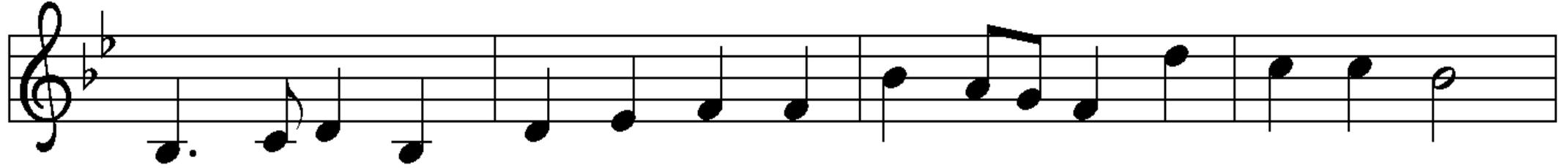
Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



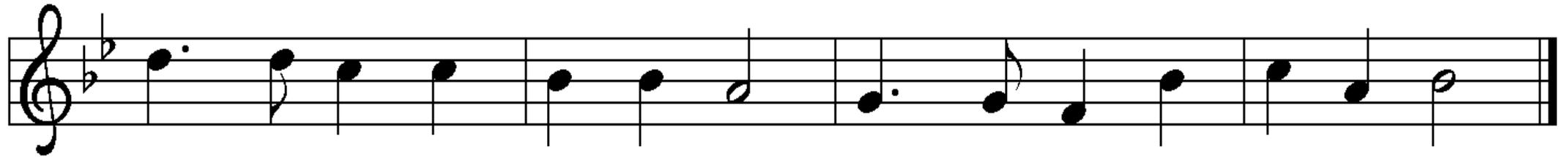
“ALLELUIA”



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.





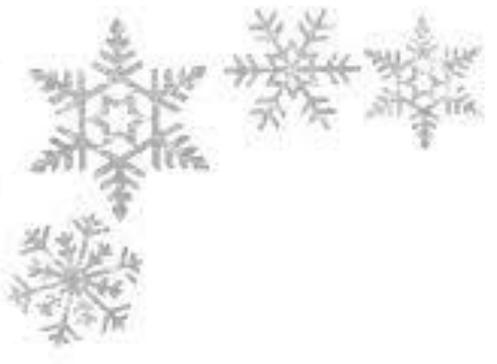
GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.



C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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;



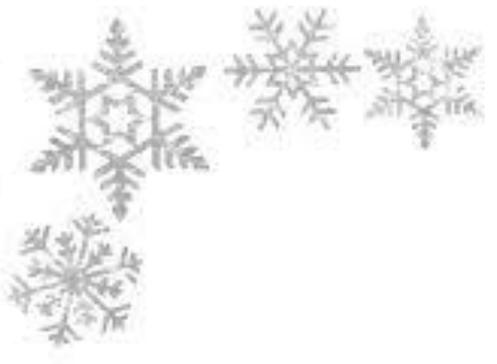
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”



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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

“Remembering Our Baptism as God Does”



BAPTISM



HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
we are baptized in his death;
that as 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.**



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**



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

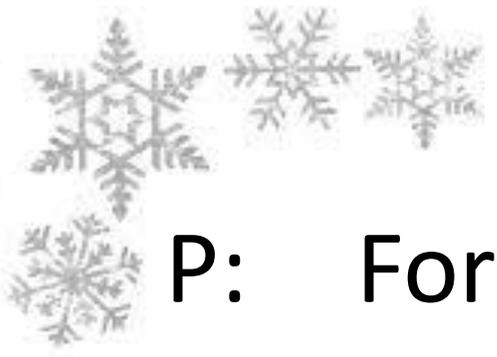


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: For the earth. Sustain oceans and seas,
rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands.
Watch over dormant plants and
hibernating animals as they rest in your
care. Renew your creation and protect
all creatures from harm.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.



P: For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: For those in need. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

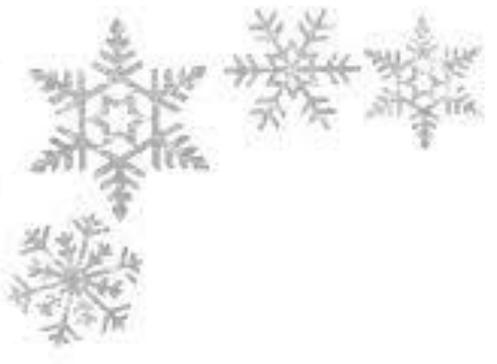
C: hear our prayer.



P: For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

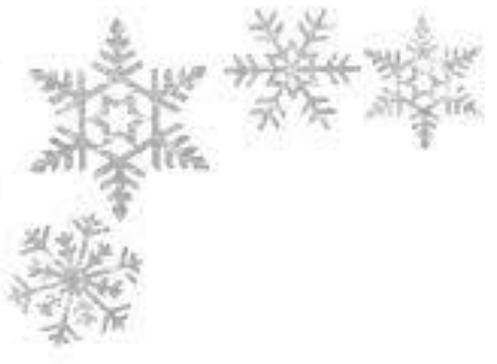




P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal.

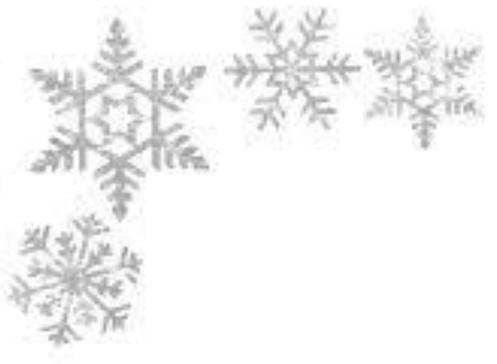
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



SHARING PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY
“He Still Does (Miracles)”
by Hawk Nelson

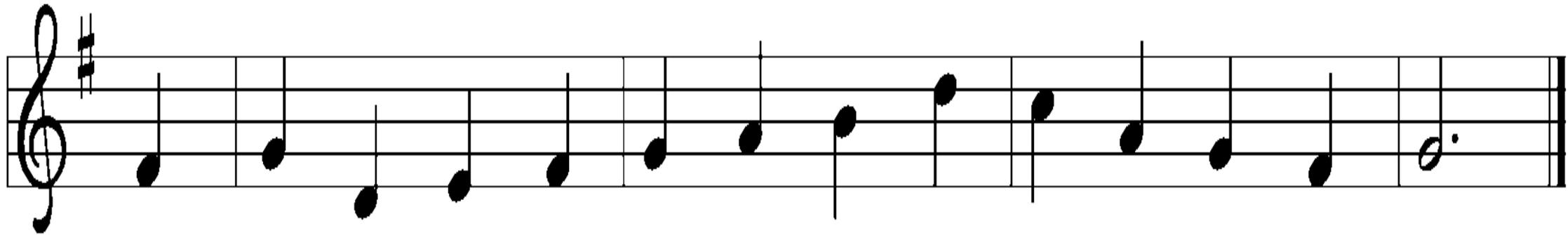




OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.





OFFERING PRAYER



P: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(As you come forward for Communion, you may dip your finger in the baptismal font and make the sign of the Cross on your forehead.)



DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

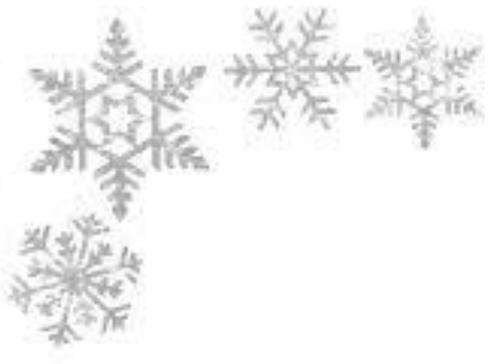
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise
to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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;

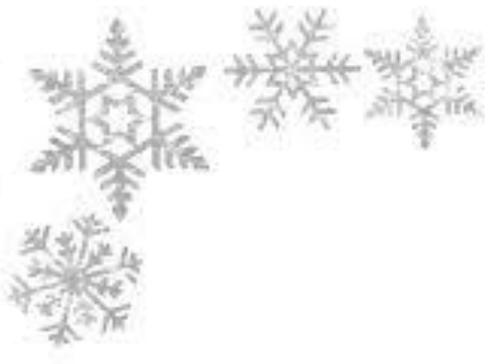
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.



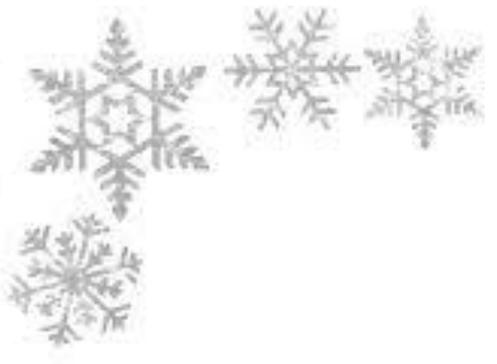
~ **COMMUNION** ~



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**



BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



CLOSING 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 and set free!**



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.



2018 Year-End Statements are ready; please take yours!

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