

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. — Sunday, January 10, 2021

1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TONAWANDA

Rev. Leslie Latham, Pastor

KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Kris deGuehery, Lay Reader

MARYVALE DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Pastor

GATHERING

WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

PRELUDE

“As the Wind”

Arranged/performed by Kurt Ebsary

Shirley Erena Murray/
Swee Hong Lim

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day of new beginnings.

This is a time to remember how Jesus’ ministry began.

From the moment of his Baptism by John,

Jesus understood his call from God.

Lord, open our hearts and spirits to hear your call to us.

Give us wisdom and courage to follow you always. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

GATHERING SONG (page 5)

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***In the waters of baptism, O God,
you have cleansed and claimed us.***

***Forgive us for resisting your grace
and for denying your name.***

***We have followed our own paths,
and they have led us far from you.***

***Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is you,
for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit.***

***Wash us with your love again,
so that with clean hearts, we may go in the way of Jesus. Amen.***

Please respond with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics***.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI (page 5)

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

THE PEACE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 19:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Debbie Katz

Center for Christian Growth

ANTHEM

“Ring Joy”
KPC Joyous Bells

Kirsty Mitchell

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dorothy Pearman

HYMN 259 (page 7)

“The God of Heaven”

GLORY

PRAYERS & REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISM

(You are invited to have a bowl of warm water ready to remember our own baptism.)

God is joined with humanity.

As Jesus is baptized,

we too are baptized into renewed life.

We discover the dignity of being human;

We are empowered to forsake the thrall of death.

God has sanctified creation:

The waters are blessed,

as are earth and sky and all creatures.

While humans threaten to destroy this world,

our Creator works to restore all creation.

We join with this God who has joined with us:

in upholding human dignity and working to renew our world,

in challenging the rule of death and claiming the dominion of life.

In the beginning, O God, your Spirit moved over the water,
and you created all that is, seen and unseen.

We give you thanks for the gift of water that sustains all life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil in the water of the flood;
and by your saving ark, you gave a new beginning.

We give you thanks for new beginnings.

You led Israel through the sea,
out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

We give you thanks for the gift of freedom and the gift of the land.

In the water of the Jordan our Lord was baptized by John
and anointed by your Spirit;

by the baptism of his death and resurrection,

Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life.

We give you thanks for our own baptism and the gift of eternal life.

The Lamb has come to lead us to springs of living water.

***We give you thanks for the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.***

***We pledge ourselves to be servants to others, to seek not our own good,
but to care for the hungry and thirsty people of the world.***

We renew our baptismal covenant with you, O God,
praying for the strength to be faithful in all things,
to your glory and for the service of your people. Amen.

*(At this time, you are invited to touch the water,
and make a sign of the cross on the forehead or wrist.)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN (page 6)

"Raise a Song of Gladness"

JUBILATE DEO

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Arranged/performed by Kurt Ebsary

Edwin Hatch/
Robert Jackson

DOXOLOGY (page 6)

"Praise to God the Father"

DA N'ASE

Please respond with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics***.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God of blessing and of curse, of life and of death,
grant that we might have ears to hear the word of life in Christ,
with all its stark demand.***

***Enable us to hear good news when Christ asks us
to give up our attachment to all earthly values,
and give us courage to do so.***

***May these gifts be used in this spirit,
that we may attain to your blessing. Amen.***

SENDING**HYMN 24** (page 7)*“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”***HOLY MANNA****CHARGE****BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
Naomi Boyle, piano

Clara H. Scott

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1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

581 Glory Be to the Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Raise a Song of Gladness 155

Jubilate Deo

D * G A D * G A (chords continue)

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth.

Christ has come, bring-ing peace, joy to ev - ery heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

Praise to God the Father 605

Da n'ase

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;

praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.

Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

The God of Heaven

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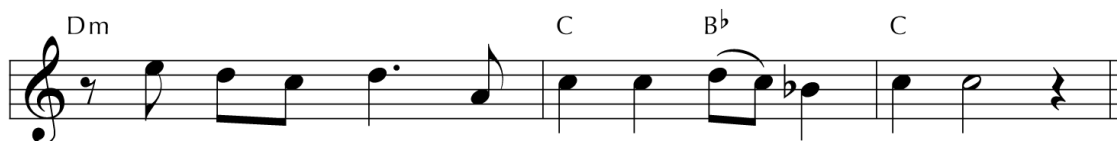
(Psalm 29)



1 The God of heav - en thun - ders, whose voice in stri - dent
 2 The des - ert writhes in tem - pest; wind whips the trees to
 3 The might - y God e - ter - nal is to the throne as -



ech - oes re - sounds a - bove the wa - ters,
 fu - ry; the light - ning splits the for - est
 cend - ed, and we who are God's peo - ple,



and all the world sings, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"
 and flame dif - fus - es glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!
 with - in these walls cry, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"

This rather telegraphic paraphrase of Psalm 29 effectively conveys the psalm's recurring contrast between the mighty voice of God heard in thunder and tempest and the awestruck response of creation. Above this tumult, God reigns in peace, and the people of God sing praise.

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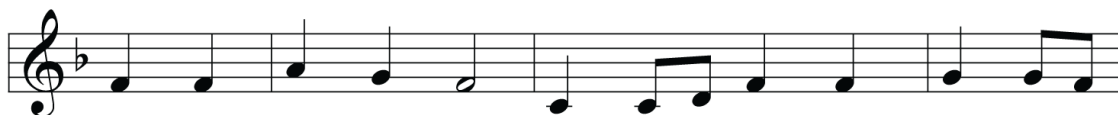
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GLORY

Irregular

24 God, Who Stretched the
Spangled Heavens

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it



nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive



ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or



powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us



at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

The crux of this text comes in the second stanza: if we dare to claim God-given abilities, we need also to show God-like compassion for the human needs that confront us daily. The earthy shape note tune provides a further reminder that we must not lose our heads in the clouds.