



# UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

JANUARY 10, 2021

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.



Baptism of the Beloved  
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*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold** type.*

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN  
Aria

Richard Coffey, *Organist*  
Camille Van Hulse (1897-1988)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

**“It is good.”**

In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

**“It is good.”**

In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it:

**“It is good.”**

Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,

**calling us closer to all that is good.**

Let us worship God!

# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;  
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;  
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!  
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth,  
whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, we confess  
that we are broken, sinful creatures.  
You made us in your own image,  
but we tarnish your good name.  
You call us your beloved children,  
but we take your favor for granted.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Pour out your mercy upon us  
so that we may live in a way  
that is pleasing to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Those who trust in God will renew their strength.  
They will run and not be weary,  
they will walk and not grow faint.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Laud and Honor to the Father”  
**Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run.**

*Regent Square*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling,  
your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that we may receive your grace  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

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.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

<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."

ARIA FROM *GLORIA*

"Domine Deus, Rex Coelistis"

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Marianne Martin-Pagello, soprano

*Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.

<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.

SERMON

“As It Was in the Beginning”

Dr. DeGarmo

HYMN

## Loving Spirit

OMNI DIE 8.7.8.7

Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631

Arr. William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)

Shirley Erena Murray, 1987

1. Lov-ing Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, You have cho - sen me to be;  
 2. Like a moth-er You en - fold me, Hold my life with-in Your own,  
 3. Like a fa - ther You pro - tect me, Teach me the dis-cern - ing eye,  
 4. Lov-ing Spir - it, in Your close-ness I am known and held and blest:

You have drawn me to Your won - der, You have set Your sign on me.  
 Feed me with Your ver - y bod - y, Form me of Your flesh and bone.  
 Hoist me up up - on Your shoul-der, Let me see the world from high.  
 In Your prom - ise is my com - fort, In Your pres-ence I may rest.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

There is only one Lord and God,  
from whom all things come  
and for whom we live.  
Let us offer our gifts and our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God,  
receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts  
and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

# We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG 10.10.10.4

John Brownlow Geyer, 1969

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by  
2. We share by wa - ter in His sav-ing death. Re - born we  
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spir - it's  
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows As Christ's new

death He broke its fear - ful hold; And our de - spair He turned to  
share with Him an Eas - ter life As liv - ing mem - bers of a  
pow - er shakes the church of God. Bap - tized we live with God the  
bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse, re - stored and

blaz - ing joy.  
liv - ing Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One.  
whole, will sing:

A musical score for a vocal line and organ accompaniment. The vocal line is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men." The organ accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one flat. The music is in 4/4 time and features a melodic line in the right hand and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Chorale-Prelude on *Grosser Gott*

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”



NOTES ON THE OFFERING

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VOCAL LEADERS

Vocal leadership is by Ruth Tedder DiLorenzo and Marianne Martin-Pagello.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom – Zoom meeting ID: 826 7815 2198

Wednesday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study via Zoom – Zoom meeting ID: 833 7999 7803

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m. Virtual Worship – Zoom meeting ID: 816 5137 0962 Passcode: 590616