

JANUARY 9, 2022 | 9:00 AM

# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

*No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!*

*Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!*



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PRELUDE

Baptized in Water

Basque Gaelic tune

## GATHERING

## WELCOME

## REFLECTION

I Am Me, Patrick Neo Mabiletsa

I AM ME

I am confident in my gifts,

I am faithful to my calling, Writing is my calling,

My gifts are strength and character,

I am who I am, I am a young,

Strong-willed and unbreakable African, I am ME,

I am a Mabiletsa, one of many men who is 'STILL' in his heart,

I am what God says I am,

I am the light to my children and the pillar to my family and friends,

I am the success that comes with hope, I am WHO GOD SAYS I AM.

The man whom God has faithfully guided,

Although I never knew before,

Now I am fully aware that he loved me because he knows what he has deposited in me.

I am NEO, a gift, a pillar, a mirror to many,

I am the stick for the Elder,

I am a pot in his hands,

I am water that puts together an African Meal called Pap,

My life reflects who I am, My God has a plan and I am available to learn.

I am ME and I Love ME.

# GATHERING SONG

## Down Galilee's Slow Roadways



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on  
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;  
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.  
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.  
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,  
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:  
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

## GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today.

*Please take a moment to greet those near you.*

## PRAYER

Let us pray. **Loving God, you became human to lead us and you gave us the gift of baptism to claim us. Strengthen us through our time together so that we can go out into the world to serve as you call us. Amen.**

# WORD

## READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The good news from God, according to Luke.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.”

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the Baptism of Our Lord: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, and Acts 8:14-17.*

*The children come forward for the children's message.*

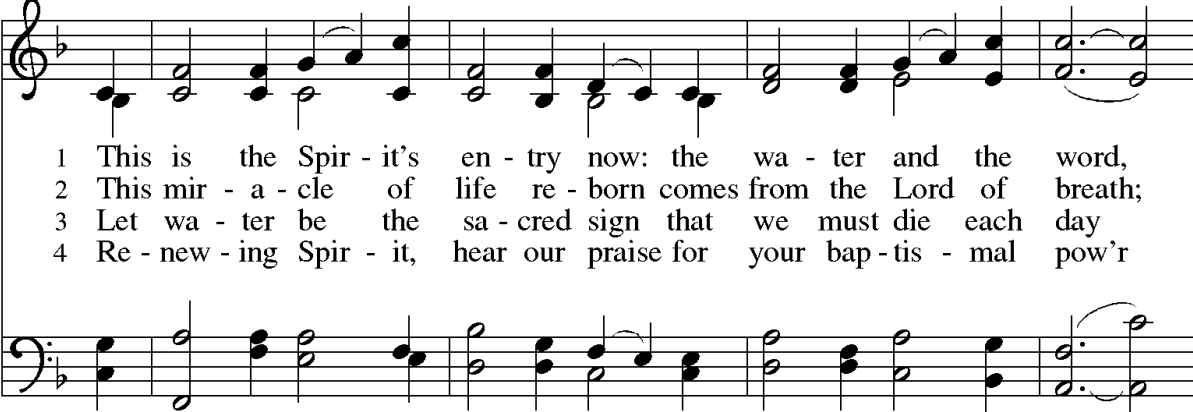
## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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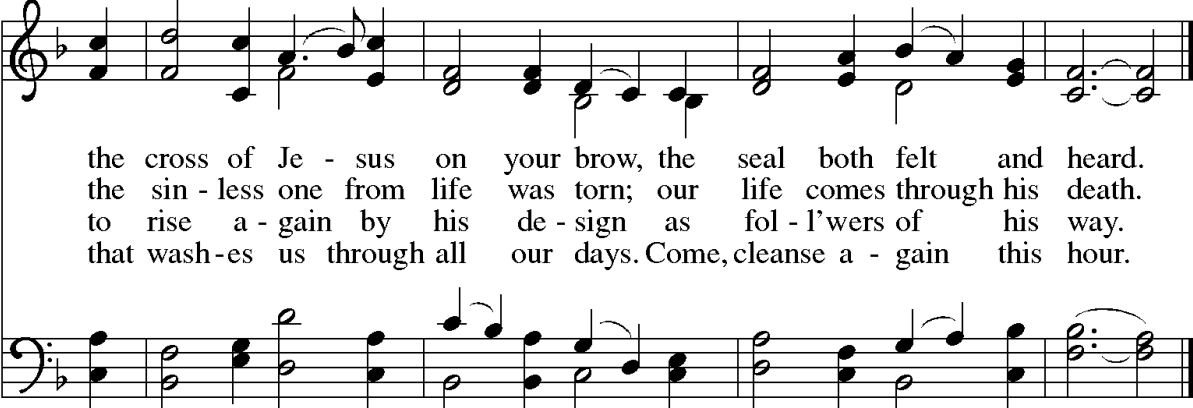
## SERMON SONG

### This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

Hymn 448



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

## PRAYERS

## MEAL

## OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at [saintmartins.org/giving](https://saintmartins.org/giving) or by texting "luther" and your gift amount to 73256.

Standard text message and data rates may apply.

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## MUSICAL OFFERING

### Baptized in Water

traditional (arr. Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens))

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**    *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward to receive communion. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to bring one to you.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

## SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS


# BLESSING

## SENDING SONG


Wade in the Water

African American spiritual

*Refrain*  
All




Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,




wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



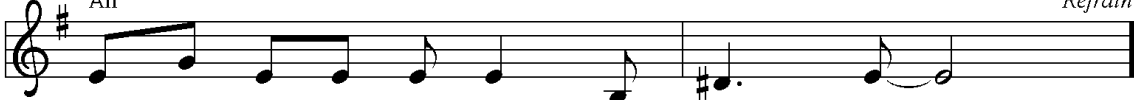
1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

## DISMISSAL

Let's leave together to love, share, and serve boldly. **And give thanks to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water

African American spiritual

# SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*  
Andrew Fuhrman, Austin Haller, Darin Layne, Jenny Ohrstrom - *musicians*  
Eddie Jennings - *video*  
Jim Parkhurst - *sound*  
Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

## ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Terry Adcock; the Brennan family; Helia Callendar; Eve; Tony Gomez; Ben Harvey, Shirley Harvey; Norma Kitzman; Lorraine; family and friends of Patsy Madriaga; Hannah, Becky, and Basil Younis; all those impacted by tornadoes in the west.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Alicia Badeusz; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Duke Hobbs; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Kara; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; David Pierce; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr.

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *This Week at St. Martin's*

#### **Sunday, January 9**

9:00 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Faith Formation Hour; Come As You Are; High School Class Meeting; Budget Forum  
11:00 am Holy Communion

#### **Monday, January 10**

7:30 pm Heart & Mind Gospel Study (Zoom)

#### **Tuesday, January 11**

9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

#### **Wednesday, January 12**

1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class  
5:30 pm Wednesday Game Night (Gym)  
7:00 pm Music rehearsals

#### **Thursday, January 13**

6:00 pm High School Devotional (Zoom)

#### **Sunday, January 16**

10:00 am Holy Communion  
11:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary or online via Zoom

### **TODAY! Faith Formation Hour Returns | 10:00 am every Sunday**

There are faith formation opportunities for every age group, every Sunday between services! Godly Play, JAM for 3rd-5th grade, Confirmation, and the high school

students meet for fellowship at Starbucks every other week! Adults can join in our Come As You Are group any time. Contact John Howard for more information.

### **Wednesday Night Game Night Returns! | January 12th, 5:30—8:30 pm in the Gym**

Join us for games and fun, Wednesday evenings in the gym. For ages 3rd grade and up! Contact Cason Miller at [cmiller@saintmartins.org](mailto:cmiller@saintmartins.org) for more information.

### **Worship Leader Training | Saturday, January 15th, 2022, 11:00 am in the Sanctuary**

Everyone interested in serving as an usher, lector, communion assistant, assisting minister or acolyte is invited to Worship Leader Training on January 15 at 11:00 am. Please come whether you have lots of experience or are interested in finding out more.

### **Summer Camp Information Table | January—early February in the Lobby**

### **Annual Congregational Meeting | Sunday, January 16th, 2022 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary**

We will worship together in one service at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 16th. Worship will be followed by our annual congregational meeting at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.