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Welcome  
to  
Trinity

Order for Worship  
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- **Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**

**Scripture Focus:  
Matthew 3:1-17**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God and  
one another.**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**P: Merciful Lord,**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: Christ came into the world and showed us how to live, but we have failed to live by what he taught. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have not done to others as we would have done to ourselves. Shine a light on our hearts, that we might turn from the shadows of our sin and walk in your ways.**

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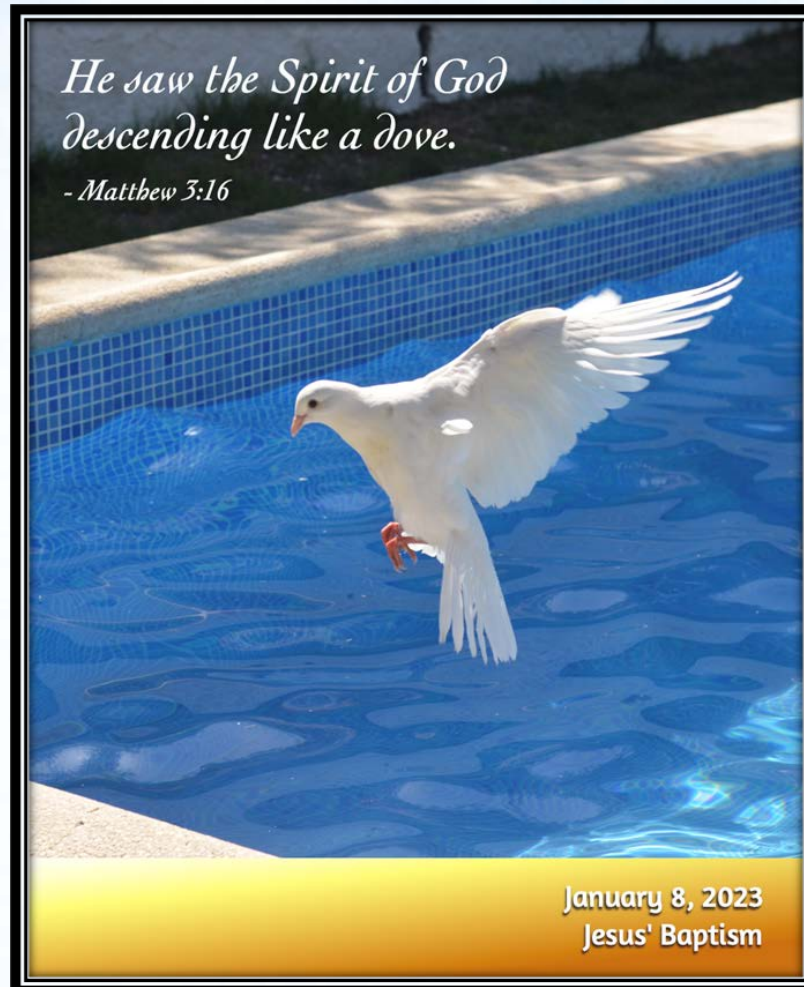
**L: Jesus came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. By his abundant love, all your sins are forgiven, ✝ that you might walk in the light of Christ.**

**C: Amen.**

# \* Hymn of Praise

## “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My heart”

### LBW 486



**\* Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart LBW 486**

**1 Spirit of God,  
descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth,  
through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness,  
strength to me impart,  
and make me love you  
as I ought to love.**

**\* Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart LBW 486**

**2 I ask no dream,  
no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending  
of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant,  
no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness  
of my soul away.**



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**3 Have you not bid me  
love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul,  
heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross;  
there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and,  
oh, let me find!**

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**4 Teach me to love you  
as your angels love,  
one holy passion  
filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the  
heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar,  
and your love the flame.**

# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray... Holy Spirit, in the waters of the Jordan you claimed Jesus as your beloved son and launched him into his earthly ministry. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might live as your children and care for all that you have made.

**C:** Amen.



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KORNER**

# • Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading is from the Gospel according to saint Matthew, Chapter 3.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)***

- **Matthew 3:1-17**

**In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his**

- **Matthew 3:1-17**

waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who



- **Matthew 3:1-17**

warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I

- **Matthew 3:1-17**

**baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”**

- **Matthew 3:1-17**

**<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.**

**<sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.**

**<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,**

- **Matthew 3:1-17**

**suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”**

- **Matthew 3:1-17**

**P: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**  
*(Spoken)*

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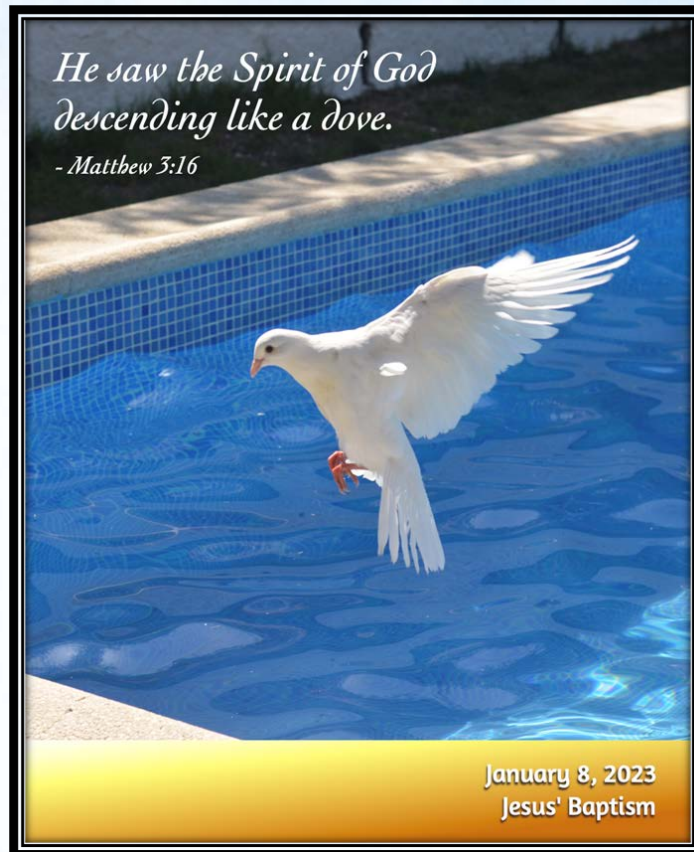
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# Sermon

# Special Music

## Larry Harter



**“Welcome To Our World”**

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

# \* APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**



# \* APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

# \* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: 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.**

- **Installation of Church Council**

**P: The following persons have been elected by the congregation...**

*(As your name is read, please stand.)*

- **Installation of Church Council**

**P: In Holy Baptism...**

**P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and to faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?**

**Council Members: Yes, by the help of God.**

- **Installation of Church Council**

**P:** People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C:** Yes, by the help of God.

**P:** I now declare you installed as *officers, council members, and delegates* of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

**C:** Amen!

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: Merciful God,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: You hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.

# \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.



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**Offering**

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# Offering Prayer

# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Jesus is the “tie that Binds us together”,  
let us pray as Jesus taught...**

**C: 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,**

# \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

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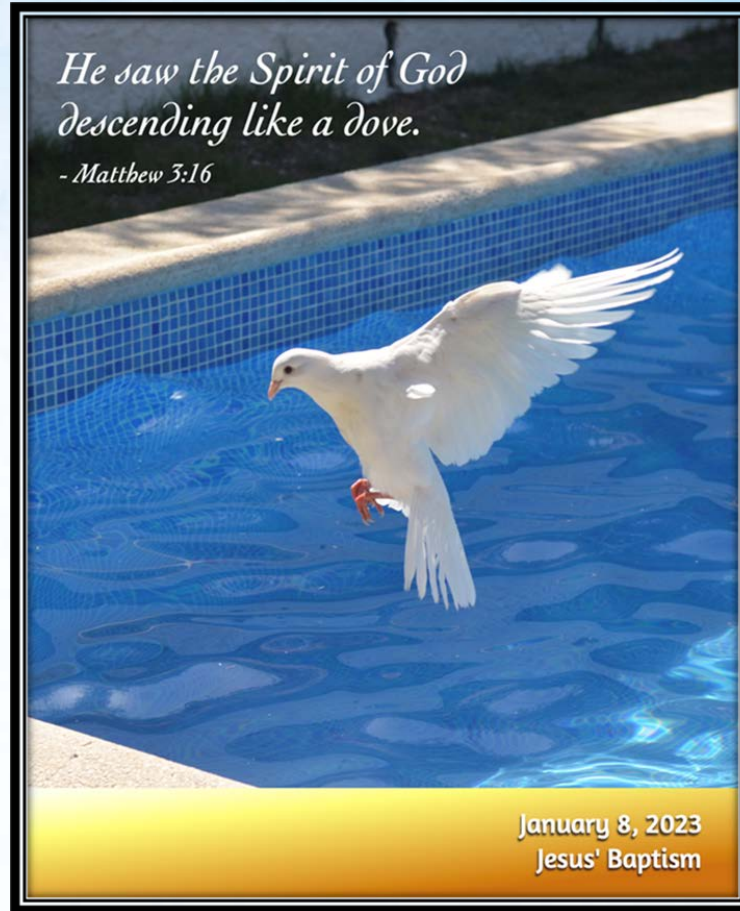
# Announcements

# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, ✚ strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**C:** Amen.

# \* Sending Song



**On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry  
LBW 36**

## **\* On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry LBW 36**

- 1 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**



**\* On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry LBW 36**

**3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**4 Stretch forth your hand,  
our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.**

# **\* On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry LBW 36**

**5 All praise to you,  
eternal Son,  
whose advent has  
our freedom won,  
whom with the Father  
we adore,  
and Holy Spirit,  
evermore.**

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all.  
Amen!**

## **Postlude by Roxanne Groff**

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