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*The Baptism of Jesus*

*\* Please stand for these moments during the service if you are able to.*

### **WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE OUR BAPTISM**

Prelude: Air (from Water Music) - George Frederic Handel –  
arr. by Cindy Berry

Introit: Baptized in Water - Verse 1 - sung by the Senior Choir  
Verse 2 - sung by the congregation

*Baptized 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.*

**\*Responsive Call to Worship:**

We gather to worship the Living Water!

**Spring up, Oh Well, within our souls.**

In our dry and arid places, Water of Baptism, refresh us.

**Stir up inside of us, renew us Living Water.**

Our baptism remind us of our connection to Christ the eternal Well that never runs dry.

**Burst forth within us, overflow, saturate the stagnant areas of our lives, reconnect us to you, our true Source.**

Let us remember our baptism and be thankful!

**Take us to the waters! Let us renew our baptismal vows. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken      **# 483 Blue**

Our Prayer of Adoration

God our Creator, you formed the heavens and stretched them out. You spread out the earth and made it fruitful.

**You have given us breath and so we praise you for the wonders that surround us. From your glory, you came to us in Jesus, to dwell with us and touch the earth with healing and hope.**

We praise you for the gift of Baptism and the new life you have given us in your beloved Son.

**In the strength of the Spirit, we offer you all praise and glory and honour, through Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and always. Amen. AMEN.**

### **WE RENEW OUR COVENANT OF GRACE**

Our Prayer of Confession:

How often we forget or neglect our covenant and baptismal vows. Teach us to live like those who have accepted the obligation, the responsibilities of baptized believers.

**Covenant God, you made us your people and gave your Son as a pledge of your love. It was by his blood that we were baptized into relationship with you. Yet, we make trivial both his blood and the water, which symbolizes our entry into the church. Forgive us our sins. Restore us to harmony with you, we pray. Amen**

Welcome and Announcements

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Musical Item: Piano solo: Emily Rachpaul

### **GOD'S SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD**

\*Youth Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

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Children's Story:

**The Scriptures:**

Responsive Psalm 29

**Refrain # 1**

Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 6-9

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New Testament: Matthew 3: 13-17

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Anthem: When Jesus Comes to be Baptized - Stanbrook Abbey /

Musikalisches Handbuch

Sermon: Power in the Water!

Hymn of Response: There's Power In The Blood

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Prayers of God's People concluded with The Lord's Prayer

The giving of our Gifts in Tithes and Offering: Song of Waters –

Norman Habel / Neil Weisesel

\*Offertory Hymn:

*Thanks, Thanks, We Give You Thanks For All You Have Done  
We are so Blessed, Our Souls are at rest, O Lord, We Give You Thanks.*

### **WE GO TO LIVE AS REDEEMED PEOPLE OF GOD**

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"

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\*Benediction:

\*Choral Praise the Lord, Let the Earth Hear God's Voice.

Postlude: Christ, when for us you were baptized - F. Bland Tucker / Thomas Jackson