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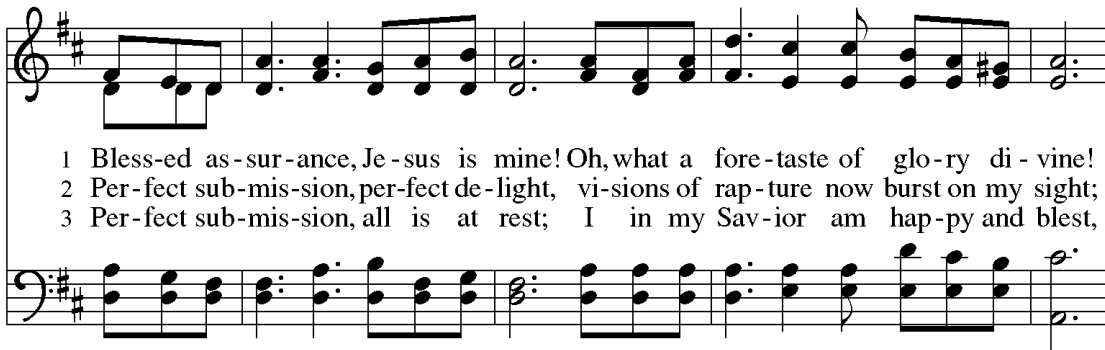
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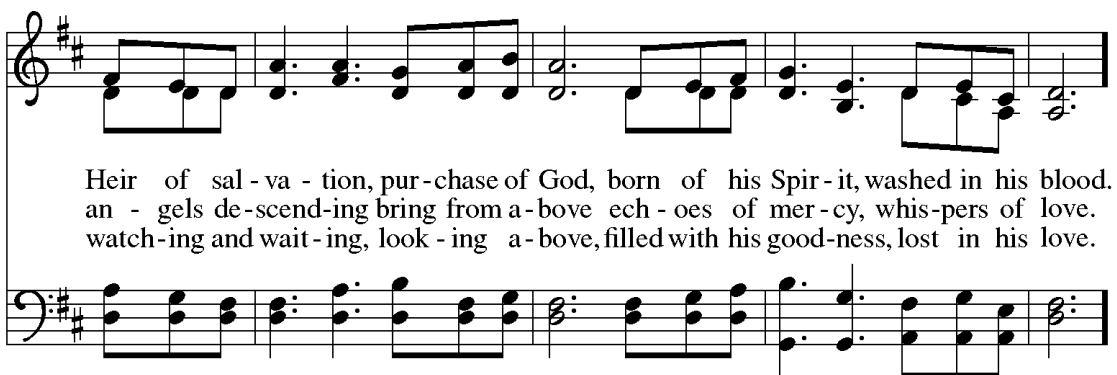
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“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”

Gathering Song: “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts:

God of love, have mercy.

For the peace from above, let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, and for the unity of all people, let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God.

Amen.

Glory to God

Refrain



(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!

(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry, glo - ry,

Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love. **Fine**

Verse



1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain whose
2. Pow - er rich - es wis - dom and strength and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and
4. Bless - ing and hon - or glo - ry and praise be to

D.C.



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* *May be sung in canon*

Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
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Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28


Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Children's Sermon Rev. Becky Sells


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Hymn of the Day: "Healer of Our Every Ill" ELW 612


Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,




give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen
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Baptism of Thia Renae Shupp

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidates:

Who presents *this child* for the sacrament of baptism?

*Sponsors: **We present Thia Renae for baptism.***

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Parents: **We do.***

As you bring Thia Renae to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents, Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents: **We do.***

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors: **We do.***

People of God, do you promise to support Thia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

*All: **We do.***

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Parents/Sponsors: **I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Parents/Sponsors: **I renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Parents/Sponsors: **I renounce them.***

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Thia Renae, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Thia Renae with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Thia Renae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative
and redeeming word to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for the outcasts in our midst and all around the world. We also pray for those who need your healing, especially those whose names we lift before you now and the names of others on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation, Lord of Love, the grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer and the return back to school. Give us renewal and hope as new people are welcomed into God's family through baptism.

Strengthen us all in your promises and help us continue to love and share the good news of the gospel with others in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, especially remembering those who have died in faith and joined the church triumphant recently, allow us to join with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Offering

We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to also give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth.

Offertory



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
 2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
 3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
 Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
 dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
 truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
 Lay it at the al - tar then.
 Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

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 Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever
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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God: We return to you the gifts that you have given: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your graciousness and love. Receive them and use them for the sake of the one who died for us. Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth in joy and in peace, and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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