

Live Stream Worship



Waiting on the Word. Baptism of Christ 10.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 10, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!

*We will celebrate Holy Communion today.
If you desire to participate from your home,
please set aside bread and wine (or grape juice) now.*

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

R. Lowry/arr. J. Carter

Peace Lutheran Choir 2019

WELCOME

LAMENT AND CONFESSION *From the font*

P The Lord is with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Gracious God, the events that unfolded in Washington DC and Olympia in recent days have shaken us and our democracy at the very core. With a mixture of feelings we cannot fully express, we come to you—our rock and our refuge—seeking light, hope, guidance, and resolve for our nation and its leaders, and for your church.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P When broken systems beget acts of destruction and violence...

C **Guide us to your light.**

P When principles of democracy are abandoned for political gain...

C **Guide us to your light.**

P When leaders fail to fulfill their oaths...

C **Guide us to your light.**

P When allegiance to earthly figures obscures allegiance to you...

C **Guide us to your light.**

P When symbols of hatred mask themselves as symbols of hope...

C **Guide us to your light.**

P When the enormity of the dissension silences our response to violence and injustice,

C **Guide us to your light.**

P You search us and know us, O God. You know our divided hearts and are acquainted with all our ways.

C **We confess to you and to one another that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves; that we cannot find our way out of the darkness unless we cling to your light.**

P Be present with us, our flawed nation, our flawed people.

C **Use your Word, like a mirror, to show us who we have become and, by your grace, who we yet may be. Keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

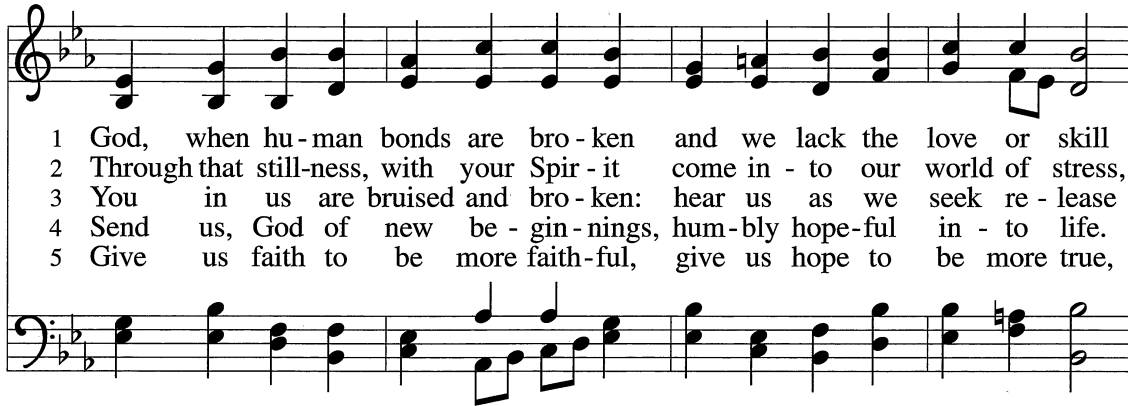
P Sisters and Brothers, when we waded into the waters of Holy Baptism, our lives were joined to + Christ. This day and every day he calls us to place our trust in God alone. To live as faithful and bold witnesses to your grace and mercy, and, with the Spirit's guidance, to embody God's dream of SHALOM for all people and all creation. Affirming God's covenant with us, we pray:

C **Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your reign among us. Keep us in your light, deepen our resolve, and fill us with the peace that passes understanding—the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.**

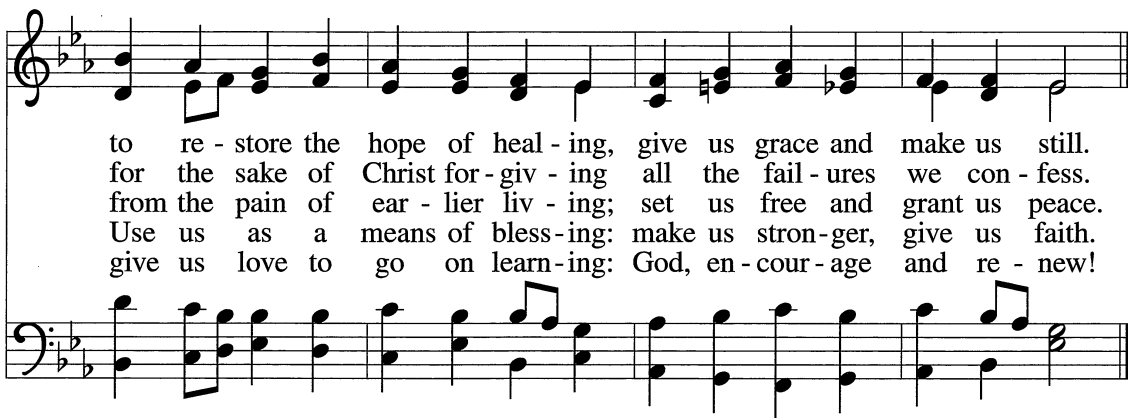
GATHERING HYMN

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW #603



1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

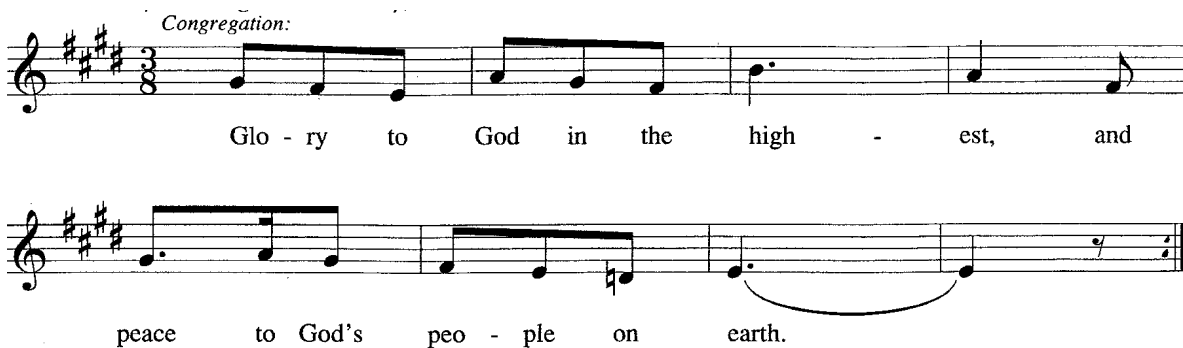
GREETING

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.

GLORIA Please join the choir in singing each refrain

Congregation:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor:

1. You are God, we praise you. You are Lord, we acclaim you.
You are God eternal, all creation worships you! *Refrain*

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Cantor:

2. All the angels in the heavens chant your praise in endless song!
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. *Refrain*

4. God Creator we praise you! Jesus the Christ we adore you!
Spirit of the living God, we worship you! *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God,

C **Creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Vicki Martinez

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light.

This familiar story was good news for the Israelites who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair.

God created and continues to create new life.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melanie Coulson

SERMON

Rev. Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715, verses 1, 2, 5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain on
next page*

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYERS

Dustin Smith

Petitions are offered that end with:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Let your light shine.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

Your monetary can help to support this ministry, as well as the ongoing ministry of our congregation and synod, and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW #678

TUNE: BEACHSPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
 nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
 gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
 thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. O God,

C **receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen**

*Gather all who will be participating in the Holy Communion Meal.
Choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time,
following Pastor Kindem's leadership.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who is your light made manifest to all the nations.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time your Word brought light into the world.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

P In the night he was handed over to death, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Trusting in the One who made his home with us, we pray the prayer of Jesus:
 C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

ELW #493, sing twice

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,
 taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.
 C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
 and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.
 C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

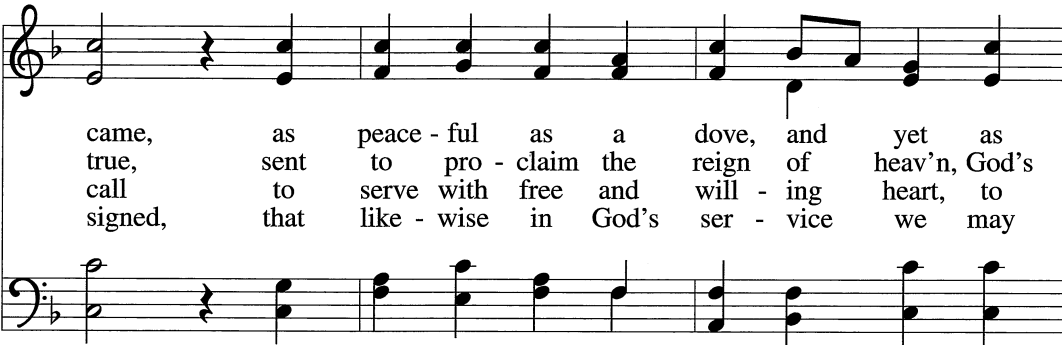
SENDING HYMN

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized


ELW #304, verse 4



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water

Arr. J. Carter



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PASS THE HAT FOR JANUARY 17: CAMP LUTHERWOOD

Camp Lutherwood has played a positive role in forming faith among the young people and adults of our congregation, from elementary and confirmation retreats to summer family camps. During this Pandemic time, the Camp continues to be deeply challenged by the lack of resources due to COVID-19 Health protocols. **CAMP LUTHERWOOD is our Pass the Hat Partner for the month of January. Please consider a gift to support this vital ministry of the church!** Contributions can be made through the [MAKE A DONATION LINK](#) on our homepage, www.peacelutheranseattle.org or via check made out to Peace. Put in the notes (on the website or on the check) Camp Lutherwood.

ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 31 @ 12 NOON

Sunday, January 31, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar! We are working out options for people to join the meeting virtually through two online platforms (ZOOM and YouTube). Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches:

- **JANUARY 4** – All annual reports from Peace ministries, committees, and task forces are due in the church office (electronic form, please!) office@peacelutheranseattle.org
- **JANUARY 19** – Church Council meeting to finalize Annual Meeting order of business and budget.
- **JANUARY 24** – Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available.
- **JANUARY 31** – Annual Meeting @ 12 noon, following worship.

CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 17, 2021

Our topic for January 17th will be an article in the January 2021 edition of Harper's Magazine entitled: *The Gate of Heaven is Everywhere*. Author Fred Bahnson writes:

“Like the Kardashians, the American Christian family has become obsessed with its own profile. It has become faith as public spectacle, faith as political engagement, as party affiliation, as reputation—anything but faith as paradox, as mystery, as the hidden and seductive dance between spiritual desire and satiation, the prolonging of a hunger so alarmingly vast and yet so subtle that it disappears the moment it's made public.”

What's the antidote? Could it be a recovery of the Christian tradition of contemplation? You can find the article [HERE](#). If you are not already on the ADULT ZOOM list and would like to join the conversation, contact Pastor Kindem: pastor@peacelutheranseattle.org

In subsequent weeks, discussion will turn to Isabel Wilkerson's latest book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade and like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS calling all 2nd to 5th graders will resume January 10. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30. Resumes January 10.

GET CONNECTED - Middle & H. S. youth will resume January 10. You are invited to get connected to the Bible and each other. We will be walking through the Bible with the Connect curriculum videos and drawing connections between different stories. This class will be great for anyone who wants to know more about the Bible even if you know very little. That's the book with Jesus in it, right? Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30 or so. Class will resume January 10.

FAITH LENS - High school youth and beyond are invited to discuss the current news stories and the weekly Gospel reading. There is a lot happening right now. Let's come

together and try to make sense of it asking: “where is God in this story”? This class will meet at 9-9:45am. Having your breakfast or morning beverage close by is encouraged.

Preacher/Presider: Pastor Erik P. Kindem

Musicians: Minister of Music Jon Lackey, Accompanist: James Jelasic

Singers: Chris Kindem, Deb Lukens, and Sonja Outlaw

Lector: Vicki Martinez

Children’s Message: Melanie Coulson

Prayers: Dustin Smith

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