

Baptism of Our Lord

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Scriptural Meditation

Now, says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Isaiah 43:1-3

Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude

Nicaea

arr. by Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

Adapted from Isaiah 43 and Psalm 29)

One: Our God is a God of power and strength!

All: God has created each of us with tender care.

One: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

All: God walks with each of us every step of the way.

One: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

All: God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

One: Our God calls us each by name.

All: God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

Prayer of Invocation

* Gathering Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

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* Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

*A Time for Contemplation (a private time for you and God)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the words of our Creator,
spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"I have called you by name. You are mine.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria (Adapted from # 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*) *Glory Be to the Father* #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

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God's Word for Little Ears

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

One: Creator God, Holy One,

**All: You have made us in your image,
And we are precious in your sight.**

One: Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**All: We stand at the river,
Ready to share in your baptism.**

One: Holy Spirit, Dove of Peace,

**All: Set us on fire with the power of your love through the reading of Your
Word and presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading

Psalm 29

^{29:1} Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

**³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

**⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

**⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

**⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.**

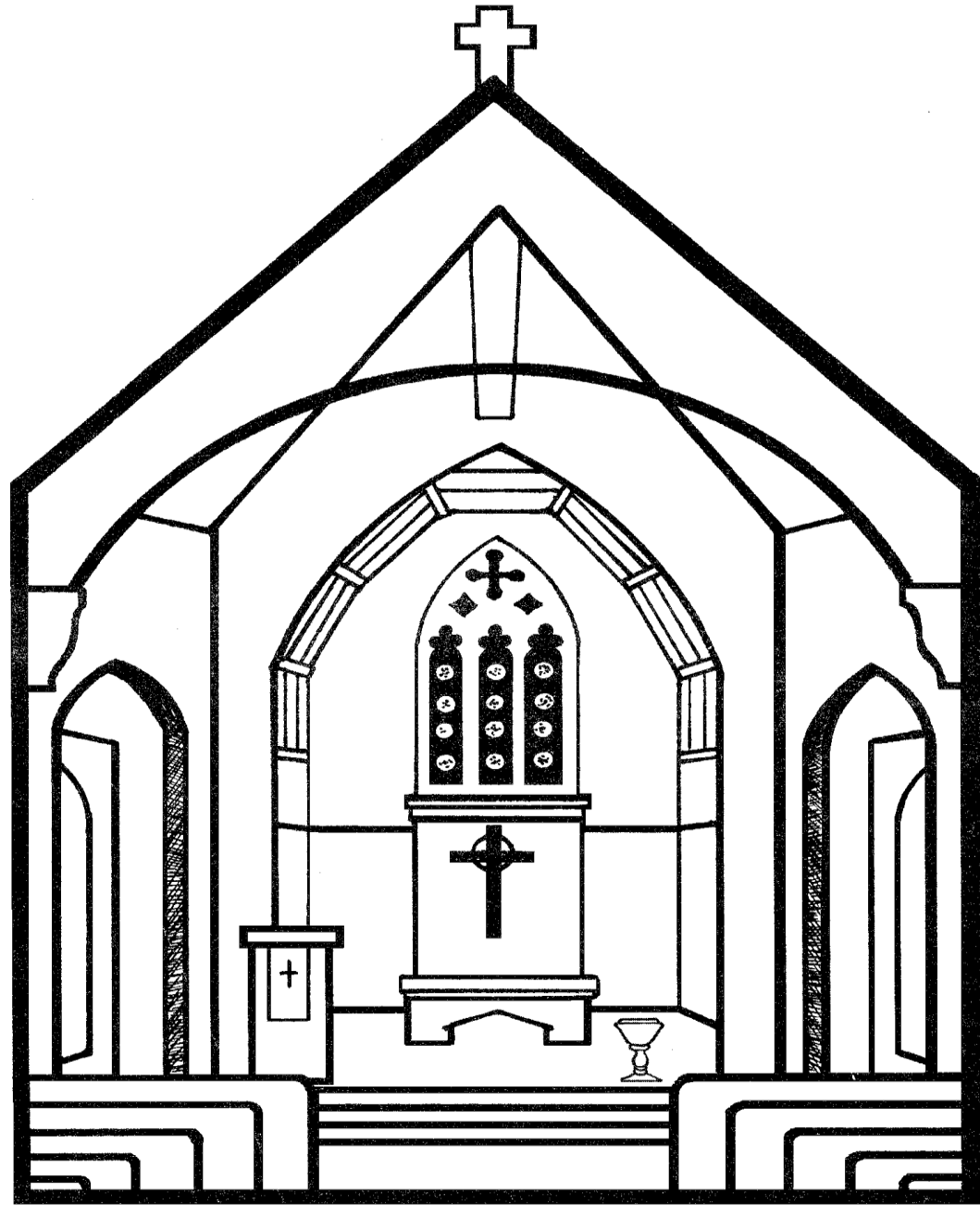
**⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.**

**⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

**⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

**¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**

**¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**



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