

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

James Woodman

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Lord, we gather as your beloved community this morning. Speak to us, we pray. Part the clouds of our frantic, harried lives, that we may recognize your Spirit moving in our midst. Speak, for your servants are listening. Amen.

◆ Call to Worship

from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

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

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to God's people!

May the Lord bless the people with peace!

Let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, you call us together in love, although we find it difficult often to love others. Strengthen our love for those who are different from us; embolden us to love those who oppose us, and be kind to those who wrong us. Help us love ourselves, in spite of our shortcomings, our doubts, and missteps. May we remember our baptismal call, our "holy tattoo," and live as those who are chosen, called, and beloved.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response



All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!
With all the an - gel choir re - joice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

OT p. 630
Judy Sands

Anthem

Wade in the Water

African-American spiritual
arr. Bruce Trinkley

Wade in the water, children, God's a-gonna trouble the water.
See that band all dressed in white. The leader looks like an Israelite.
See that band all dressed in red. It looks like the band that Moses led.

Second Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

NT p. 3

Sermon

Holy Tattoo

Jewell-Ann Parton

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

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

**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.**

He descended to the dead.

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.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

The Apostles' Creed

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

Text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal no. 377.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS 81

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we live in your abundant world where you have provided the resources for all your children. Yet, many of your children live in need of shelter and food, not only in developing countries, but also in this country. May our gifts and tithes bring your love, your glory, and the strength of your grace, O God, to those who need them most. And may these gifts be a tangible symbol of our baptismal covenant with you. Amen.

◆ Hymn 292

As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU

◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

J. S. Bach

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Liza Millett in memory of
Frederick J. and Anna Marie B. Millett and their son, Frederick B. Millett.*

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, January 8

9:30 a.m. Church school resumes
11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Tuesday, January 10

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, January 12

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, January 15

9:30 a.m. Church school
11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room
12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

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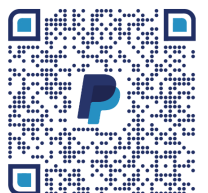
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408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

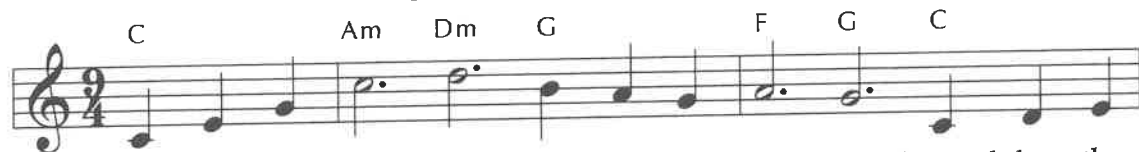
Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

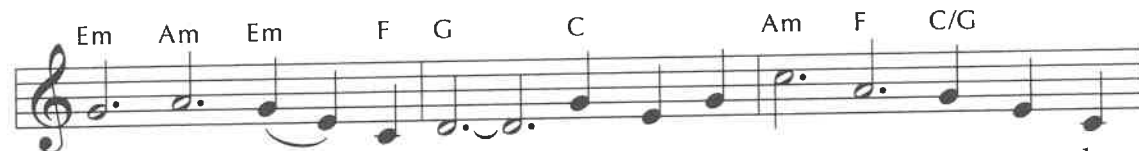
lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

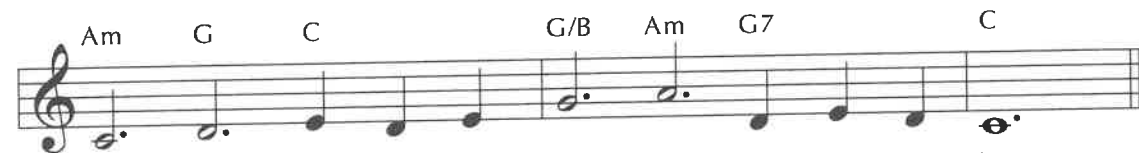
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

As the Wind Song

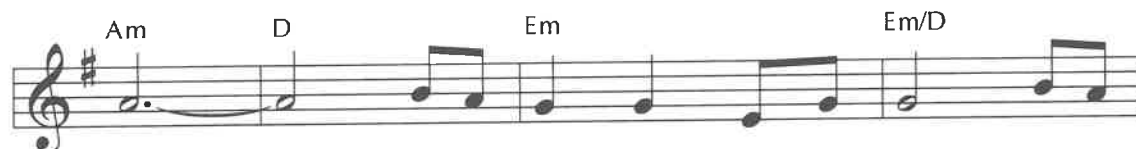
風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
 1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風
 2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
 送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹
 盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
 God, as the green in the spring, as a
 送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪
 送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上



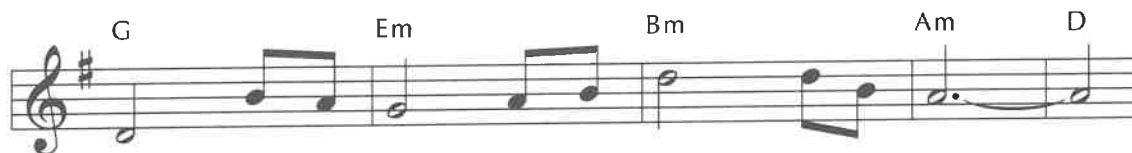
voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
 中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹
 繫, 飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹



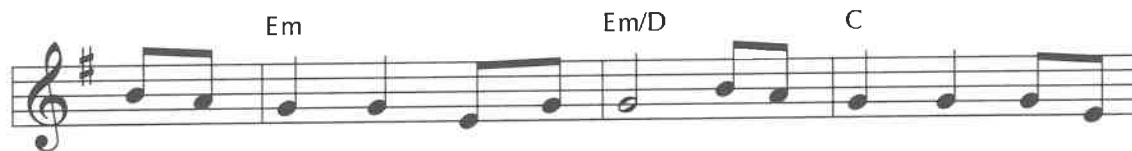
God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
 送; 眼不見, 心未明, 風來去何
 送; 大地萬象更新, 和平終實

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。