

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

1 John 1:8
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power
of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and up
hold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us
all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of
the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW 311

2 Corinthians
13:13-14

GREETING - Pastor

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.**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY – *Assisting Minister*

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*Please be seated*)

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

Isaiah 42:1-9

This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus often quoted.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (*All Sing Together*)

Psalm 29

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Psalms are the hymnbooks of the children of Israel



L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All

R = Refrain

M ¹ Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- ¹ ry and strength.
A ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹ due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.
L ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.
A ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a pow- ¹ erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ¹ voice of splendor. R
M ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;
A ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹ like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ¹ young wild ox.
L ⁷ The voice ¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.
A ⁸ The voice of the LORD ¹ shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- ¹ ness of Kadesh. R
M ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ¹ forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"
A ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned a- ¹ bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- ¹ evermore.
L ¹¹ O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- ¹ ings of peace. R

This reading bears witness to the early church.

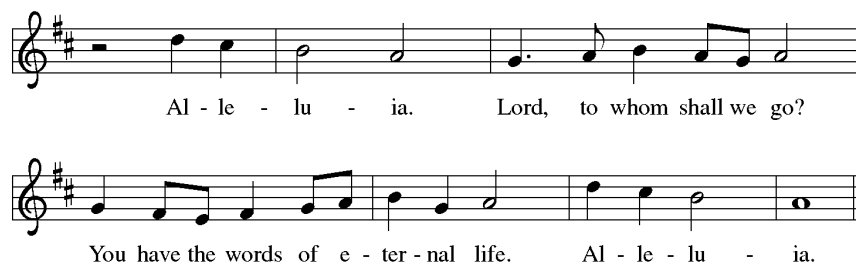
THE SECOND LESSON -*Lector*

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.

John 6:68

THE GOSPEL LESSON -*Pastor*

Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

“Viva Vox,” the Living Word of God interpreted. (Romans 10:14-17)

SERMON - *Pastor*

(Please stand as you are able)

*Ancient church
councils adopted the
summary of the
church's faith in the
Nicene, Apostles' and
Athanasian Creeds.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Assisting Minister**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 again to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

*We pray for ourselves
and particularly on
behalf of others.
(1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1
Thessalonians 5:17;
Acts 2:42)*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Assisting Minister

To the words "Merciful God," the congregation responds "**receive our prayer.**"

*Extending God's word
of peace to others.
(Romans 16:16;
Matthew 5:23-24)*

SHARING OF THE PEACE - Pastor

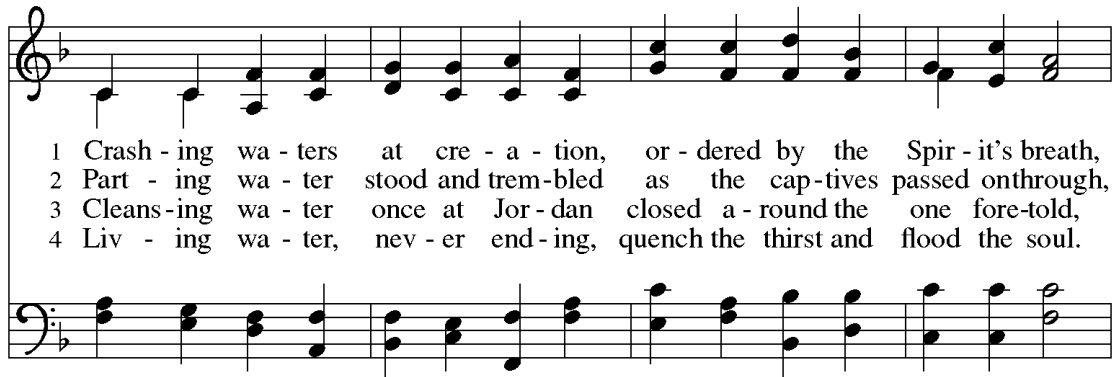
*1 Corinthians 16:1-2
2 Corinthians 9:7-9*

THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

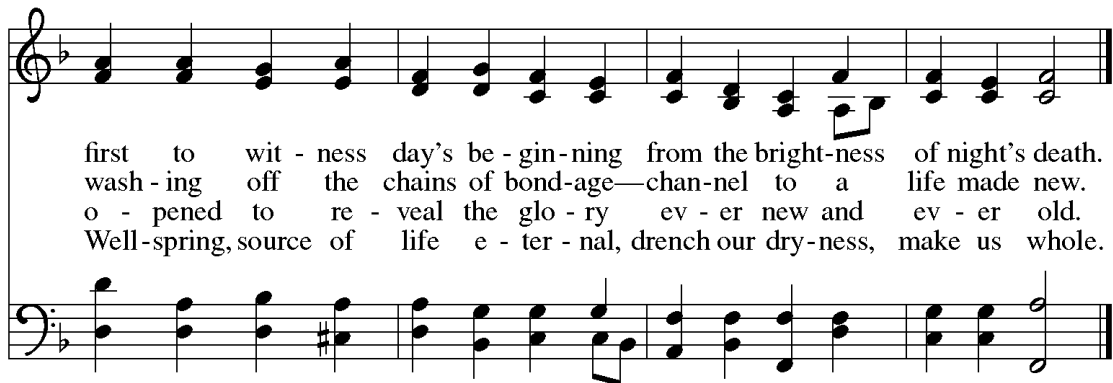
We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving

OFFERTORY ANTHEM*Like a Dove**- John Purifoy*

Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor-dan closed a - round the one fore-told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER - Assisting Minister

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Before the Lord's
 supper is shared, the
 presiding minister leads
 us into thanksgiving.
 (Psalm 15:1)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please stand as you are able) - Pastor

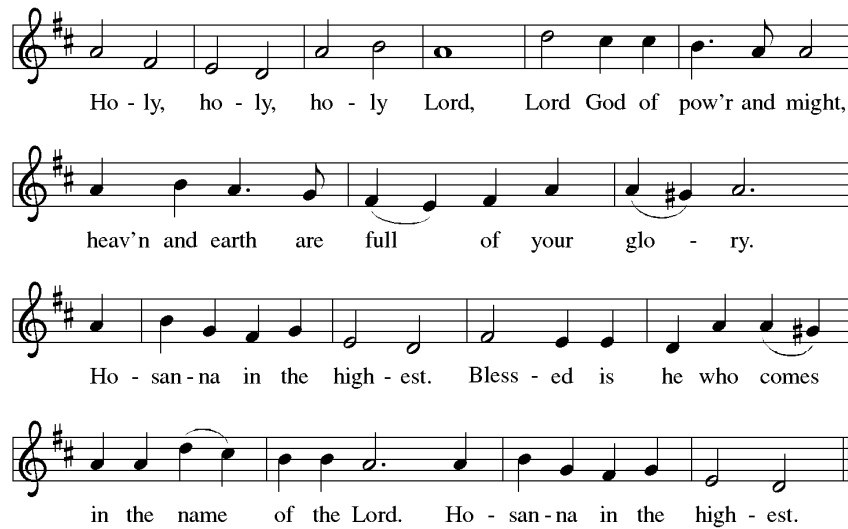
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE - *Pastor*

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God. (Isaiah 6:3)

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church

*Matthew 26:26-28;
Luke 22:19-20; 1
Corinthians 11:23-26*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

*Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.
(Luke 11:24;
Matthew 6:9-13)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

*Our invitation to Christ's Table
(adapted from Iona
Community, Scotland)*

INVITATION - *Pastor*

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor.

It is a table of communion with the earth.

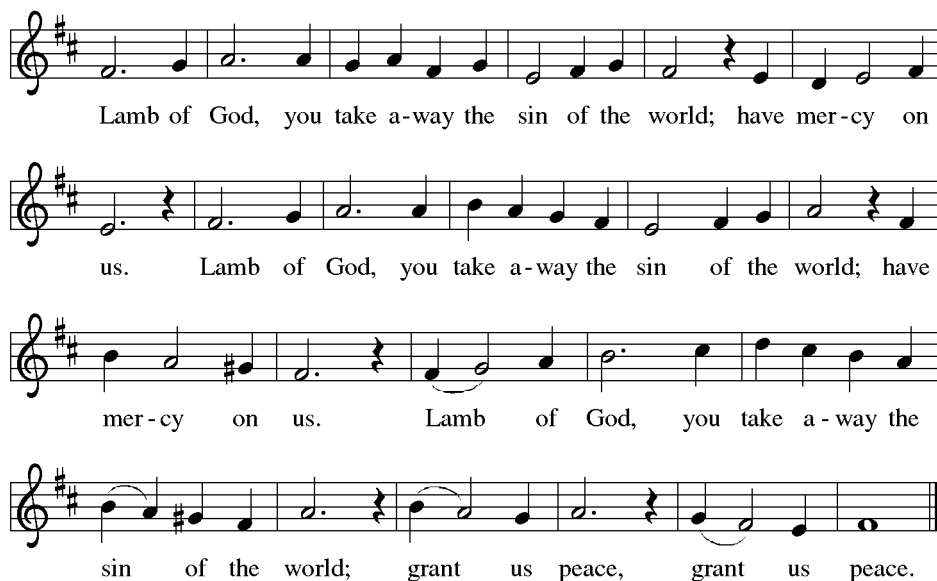
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

As John the Baptist
pointed to Jesus, he
said these words.
(John 1:29)

THE AGNUS DEI



***Blue Communion Cards– Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood.

Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

**Shall We Gather at the River
Wade in the Water**

**ELW 423
ELW 459**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - *Pastor* (Please stand as you are able)

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION – *Assisting Minister*

Let us pray.

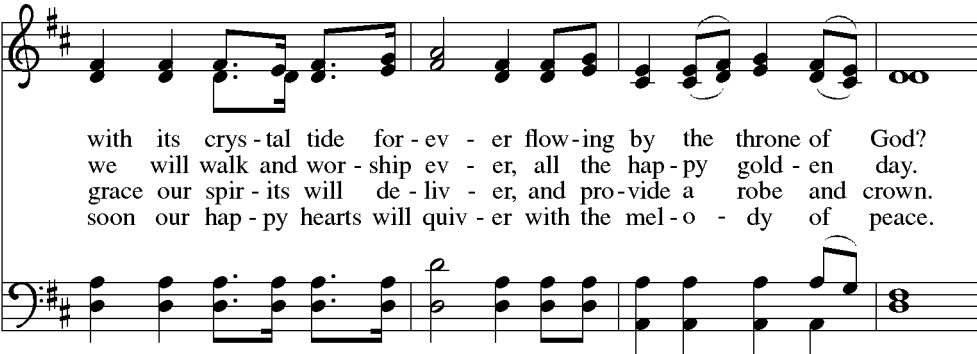
Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;




with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;

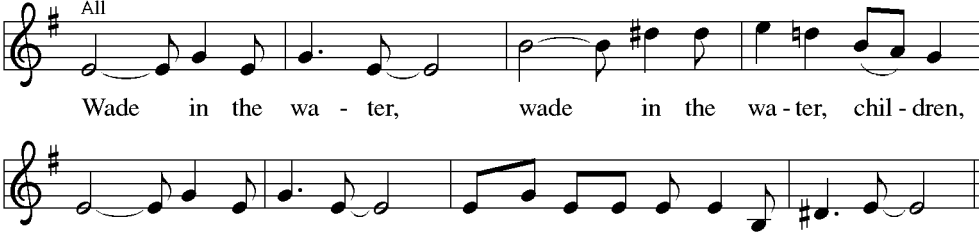


gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Wade in the Water

Refrain


All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.


Leader

All



1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,


Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

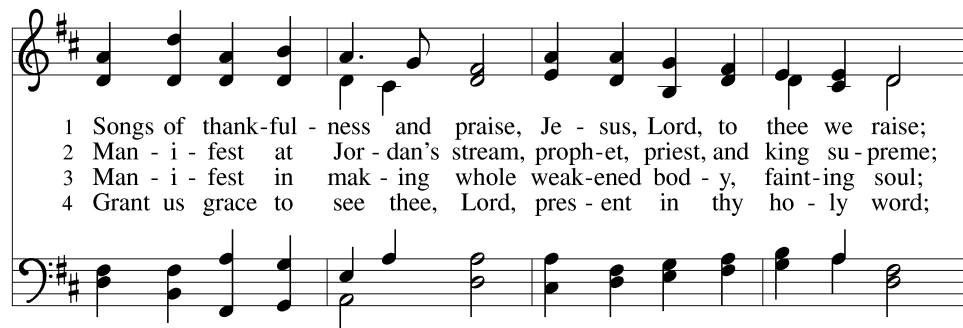
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Refrain

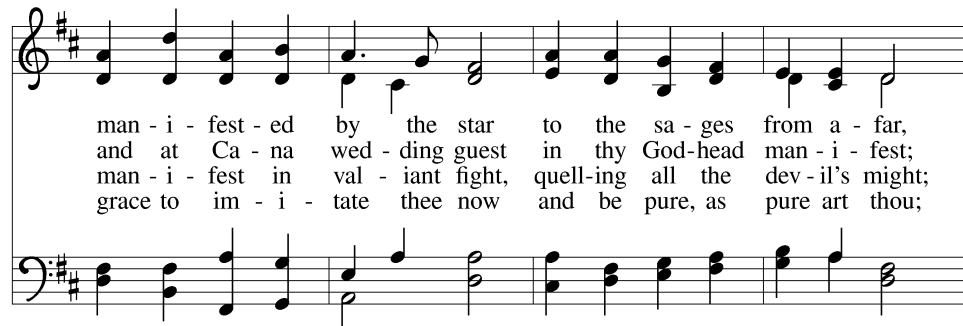


God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

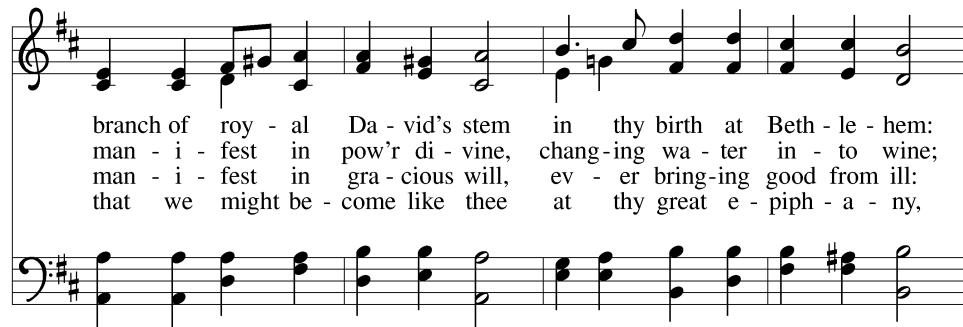
Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual



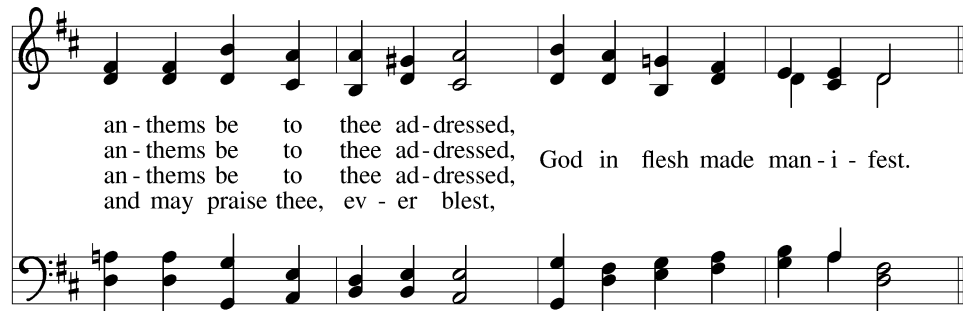
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

- Please be seated as we begin our congregational meeting -

A personal blessing
 from God in the name
 of the Triune God.
 (Numbers 6:24-26)

BENEDICTION - Pastor

The triune God, glorious Mystery,
 holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
 ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

We go forth to bless
 the world

DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
 Thanks be to God!

Luke 7:50;
 Romans 10:12-13

Blood Drive



There will be another Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Martin's on Friday, January 16th from 12:30pm-5pm in the Fellowship Wing.

If you are able to donate, please scan the QR code below or contact Sara Wetz (slwetz@verizon.net, 410-271-6165).



If you are interested in assisting, please contact Sara as well.

First Communion at Saint Martin's



Saint Martin's is excited to offer **First Communion Classes** for children **kindergarten and above** who are ready to learn more about the gift of Holy Communion.

Class Dates (Sundays at 9:00 AM | Art Room):

- January 25
- February 1
- February 8

Together, we will explore the meaning of Holy Communion through **interactive teaching, conversation, and hands-on learning**, helping children understand this central part of our life of faith.

Communion Bread Baking:

Saturday, February 14 at 10:00 AM | Kitchen

First Communion Celebration:

Sunday, February 15 during worship

If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, or if you have questions about whether your child is ready, please contact **Pastor Micah** at srpastor@stmartinsonline.org

We look forward to walking with your family as we prepare for this meaningful milestone in faith.

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Linda Wetz
Communion Assistants	Youth
Lector	Youth
Ushers	Youth
Communion Cleanup	Sandy Ourisson Carolynn Goldberg

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN TODAY

*In God's name and in memory of Marianne Chawluk Drumm
by Bob Drumm*



Interested in Giving? Scan Here.



The new offering envelope donation sets for 2026 are in the Narthex.

Please pick-up your box today:)

Opportunities This Week

Monday, January 12, 2026

10:00 am Flying Quilters
(Fellowship)

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
(Double T)

Thursday, January 15, 2026

11:30 am Mid-Day Bible Study
(Double T)

Friday, January 16, 2026

12:30 pm Blood Drive
(Fellowship)

Saturday, January 17, 2026

10:00 am Women's Book Club
(Lounge)

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Book of Annual Reports

Copies of the 2025 Book of Annual Reports will be available to pick up after services on Sunday, January 18th.



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