



**321 Contact Worship (An order for morning worship)  
In the unusual circumstance of Pandemic  
The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, PA  
Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.**

**Gather in the Lord's Name**

**Carol**        *The Lord is my Light*

*Officiant*    Peace to God's people gathered this Holy Day.

*Response*    **A great light shines in the darkness!**

**Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God**

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you

*Response*    **And also with you**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**Psalm 51** (*said in unison*)

*Open my lips, O Lord, \**

*and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, \**

*and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence \**

*and take not your holy Spirit from me.*

*Give me the joy of your saving help again \**

*and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**Song** *Wade in the Water*

### *A Reading from the Gospel of Mark*

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

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

### **A Word**

#### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Officiant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* **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.**

*Officiant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Officiant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Officiant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you have made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

### **Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Song**        *I've got peace like a river*

**The Dismissal**

*Officiant*     Go with God and take peace in your heart,  
and shine bright the light of Love.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**