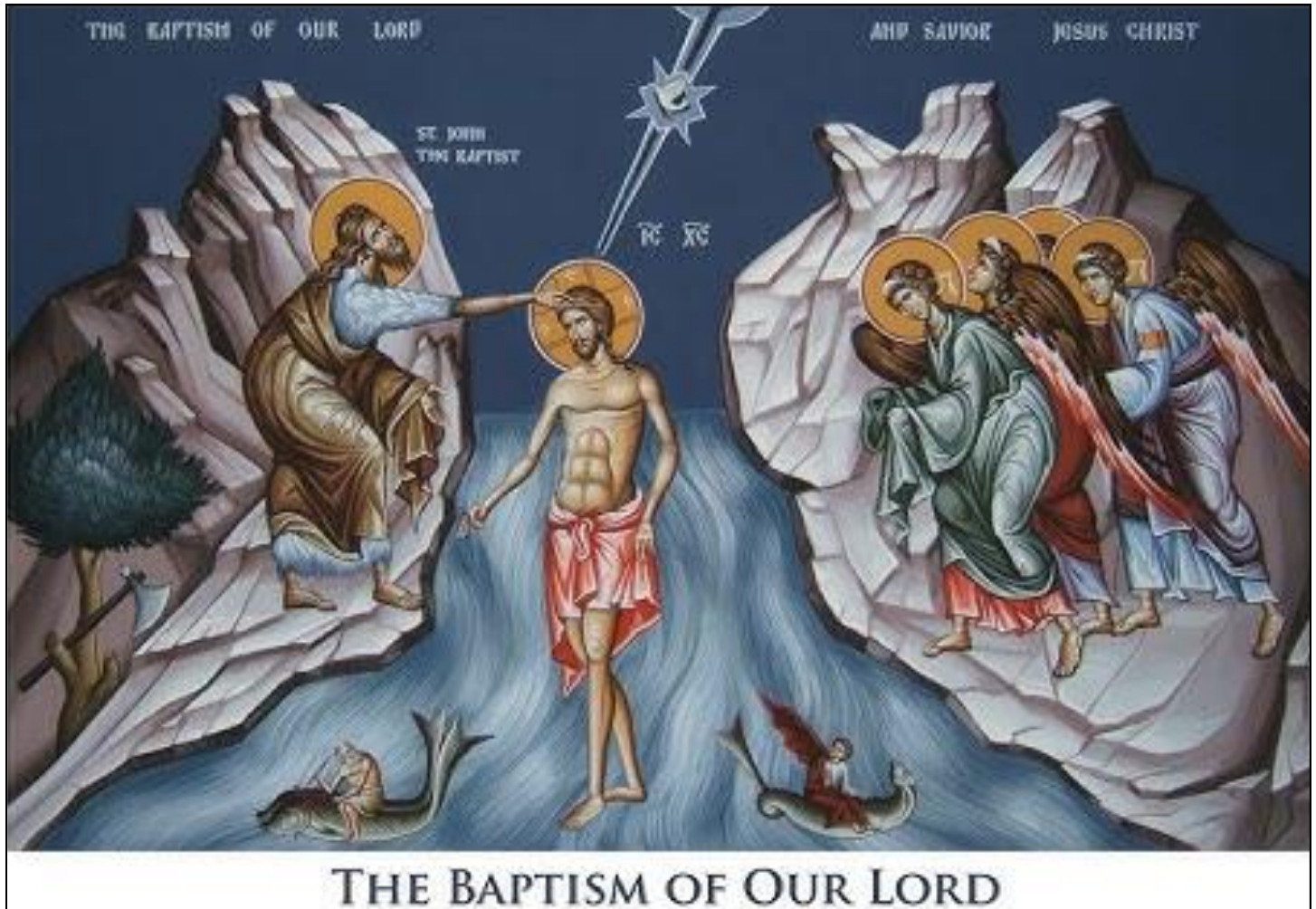




Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## The Baptism of Our Lord



Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

# Prelude

## Opening Hymn

## “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.



## Welcome and Announcements

## Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

## Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

All: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

All: **Amen.**

## Holy God Have Mercy On Us

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half rest, followed by the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us." and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues throughout, ending with a final chord.

## All Glory Be

1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for -  
ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God  
foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to  
ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and  
calms the trou - bled spir - it. A - men

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for - ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and calms the trou - bled spir - it. A - men".



## The Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The First Reading

## Isaiah 43:1-7

**Lector:** Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

A reading from the first book of Isaiah.

But now thus 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. 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. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

**Lector:** Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All:** **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

**Lector:** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**All:** **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

**Lector:** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**All:** **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

**Lector:** The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**All:** **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**Lector:** The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**All:** **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

**Lector:** O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.



## The Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

**Lector:** Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.



## The Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pastor: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn of Praise

**"Oh, Love, how Deep"**

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and

God. should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

Hymn of the Day

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

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.

The Apostles' Creed

**All:** 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 into hell. 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 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.



## Prayers of Intercession

Pastor: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (*Silence is observed.*) You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Carol Dannenberg and all those serving as missionaries around the world. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery especially Ann Marie MacBride, Linda Palmer, Barb Collins and Daryl Jarvis. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You draw us into community. Embolden organizations like the Center for Civics Education that share the principles, values and history of our constitution to immigrants and refugees, and equip us all to use our gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**All: Amen.**

## Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **At the Offertory: A Choral Anthem**

**“Come to the River” by Bob Hurd**

*Refrain:* Come, o come, come to the river  
flowing from the body of Christ.

We'll go down, deep in the water  
but in the Lord we shall arise.

Washed in waters of rebirth  
We have put on Christ Jesus.

*Refrain*

Priestly people are we,  
sealed and sent by the Spirit.

*Refrain*

Blest are those who thirst  
for the reign of God's justice.

*Refrain*

Let us walk in the light  
of God's Holy promise.

*Refrain*

Those who sow in tears  
reap the harvest rejoicing.

*Refrain*



## **Offering Prayer**

**Pastor:** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with  
gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**All:** Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with Peter and John, the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



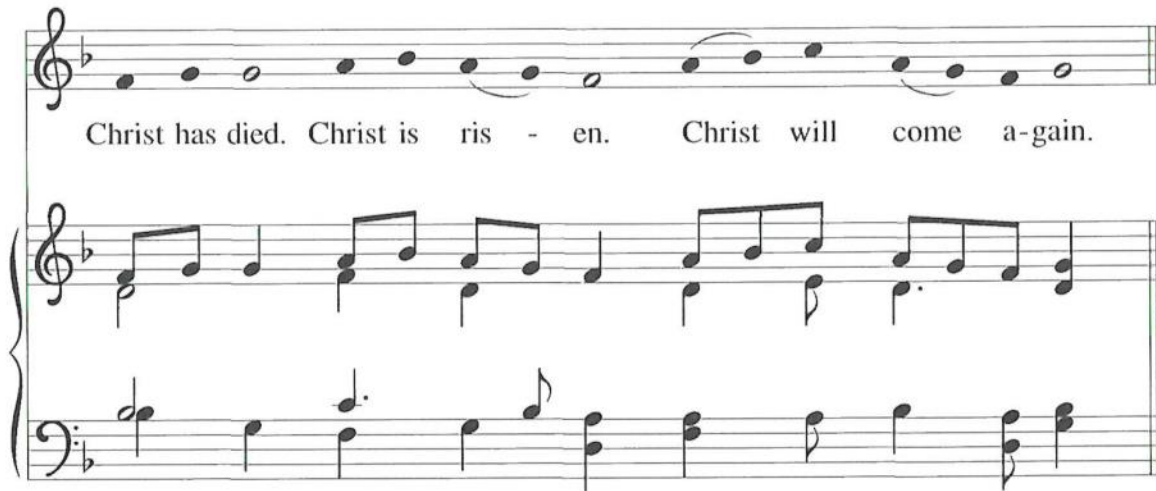
Pastor: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

## Words of Institution

**Pastor:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain." The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

**Pastor:** We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**All:**



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men." The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

## The Lord's Prayer

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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.

## Invitation to Communion

**Pastor:** The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



# Communion Hymn

# “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

# Communion Hymn

# “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.





## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**All:** Amen.

## Eucharistic Minister Sending Blessing



## Sending

**Pastor:** The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

**All:** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;

I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

The musical score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses and the second and fourth parts having three verses each. The second part includes a bridge section with a longer note value for the piano accompaniment.

## Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



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