



May 7- 2023, Easter 5 - Baptism of Jacob MacGregor Galloway

Processional

Jesus Loves Me,

LEVAS 218

1. Jesus loves me! this I know, For the bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, The bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. (Refrain)

3. Jesus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly thine; On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee. (Refrain)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Glory to God

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1. In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; ***deliver me in your righteousness.**

2. Incline your ear to me; ***make haste to deliver me.**

3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; ***for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

4. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, ***for you are my tower of strength.**

5. Into your hands I commend my spirit, ***for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

15. My times are in your hand; ***rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

16. Make your face to shine upon your servant, ***and in your loving-kindness save me.**

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a

royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy

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

Gospel Hymn **Jesus Loves the Little Children** **LEVAS 222**
Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world; Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:1-14

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Reverend Peter Steinbrenner

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: We present Jacob MacGregor Galloway to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? **Parents and Godparents: We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? **We renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? **We renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? **We renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? **We do.**

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? **We do.**

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? **We do.**

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ? **People: We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? People: **I will, with God's help.**

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.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

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

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.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through I we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who hear are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Jacob, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

Offertory: When I am Lifted up Craig Courtney

The Epiphany

Presentation Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. **S-124**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia S-154

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion: Have Thine Own Way LEVAS 145

- 1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me After thy will, While I am waiting, Yielded and still.*
- 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Purer than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, As in thy presence Humbly I bow.*
- 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray! Power all power Surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*
- 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being Absolute sway! Fill with thy Spirit 'Til all shall see Christ only, always, Living in me!*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Revive Us Again LEVAS 157

- 1. We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy love, For Jesus who died And is now gone above.*

Refrain: Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen, Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Revive us again.

2. *We praise thee, O God, For thy spirit of light, Who has shown us our Savior, And scattered our night. (Refrain)*

3. *All glory and praise To the lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed ev'ry stain. (Refrain)*

4. *Revive us again, Fill each heart with thy love, May each soul be rekindled With fire from above. (Refrain)*

Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Calendar		
Monday	6:30 PM	Al-Anon – Support for those affected by the disease of addiction
Tuesday	9 AM	Tuesday Tune-up – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Wednesday	10:45 AM	Alzheimer’s / Dementia Support Group at St. Timothy’s – contact Gary Hails at 702-884-7050
Thursday	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (<i>Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i>) Contact lauracanon@yahoo.com
Friday	10 AM	Morning Prayer (<i>live in our chapel– led by Daughters of the King</i>)
	10:30 AM	Alzheimer’s / Dementia Support Group starting June 19 at Epiphany. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050
Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	Faith Matters (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	Church School for youth, nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

Not to be Missed – May 13

Please join us at 7 PM on Saturday May 13, when Epiphany Episcopal Church Hosts the Las Vegas Master Singers as they present:

"In the Still of the Night", a concert filled with songs by Cole Porter. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15. And all proceeds will be used to support further education for southern Nevada Music Teachers and for music students at UNLV.

Please contact Kathy Steinbrenner or Roger Pan for more information

Bishop Elizabeth Homecoming May 14

Mark your calendar and join us on May 14 for Bishop Elizabeth homecoming. Bishop Elizabeth will preside over both services. Do not miss this special day.

Painting at Epiphany May 14 at 2:30 pm

Fun for all ages and all skill levels (or no skill)

Al-Anon Every Monday

Al-Anon is a group of friends and families affected by the disease of addiction. Any in need of this wonderful program is encouraged to attend.

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group June 19

We recognize a need for a second Alzheimer's / Dementia support group. This is open to caregivers and care receivers Beginning June 19 at 10:30 am to 12 pm at Epiphany. If you are in need or know anyone in need of the love, support and help this group offers please call or have them call Gary Hails at 702-884-7050

Friends in the Desert

Friends in the Desert is in need of men's Denim Jeans (may be used but clean), 8 ounce Styrofoam cups, and there is a critical shortage of blankets (Does not have to be new, just clean). Any questions contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050. Thank you for your support.

Refugee Resettlement Needs

Won't you help our newest Outreach Program? Each month Epiphany will have a bin for Refugee Resettlement items. April needs are Sheets, blankets, pillows and Cereal See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

St. Jude's Ranch Collection For April, St Jude's is collecting baby things..Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. etc.