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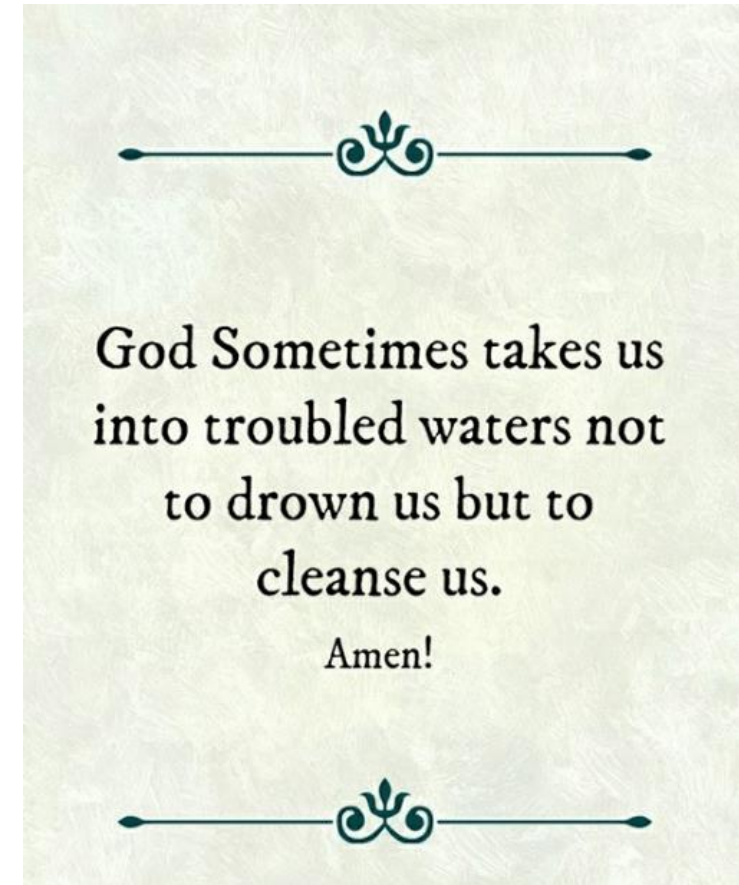
LECTOR 9:30am Deb Nowlan



***Are given in celebration of
Andrew Caswick's 13th birthday!
Love Gramma Nancy***

We welcome today Charlotte Abigail, her parents, Amanda & Kevin Grossi, big brother, Dominick and their family & friends on the event of Charlotte's baptism!

Charlotte's sponsors are: Jessica & Joseph Leigh



“Majesty”

Majesty, worship his majesty:

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise,

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flows from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the king.

Majesty, worship his majesty;

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Announcements & Sharing

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Put on your calendar:

August 24~ Book Club 7pm

September 5~ Outdoor worship. Please plan on staying for refreshments and fellowship.

Altar flowers are still available for the following dates:

Oct. 17,24,31, Nov. 28, Dec. 26~ Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex. The cost is \$26 for 2 bouquets. Mark on your envelope what date they are for, a separate check or cash is preferred.



13th Sunday after Pentecost

Baptism of Charlotte Abigail Grossi

"Discovering Christ's community through building relationships"

Aug. 22, 2021

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In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

Prelude:

“Love You So Much”

Welcome

(Please stand as able)

The Prayer of the Day

C: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song:

“Borning Cry”

Red book #732

Opening Baptismal Liturgy: "Song Over Waters" (*Refrain*)

Refrain

Dm⁷/G G² Dm⁷/G

God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters, you have sung in the

G² Dm⁷/G

rush of wind and flame; and in your love you have called us sons and

G² Dm⁷/G Last time to coda ♪ G²

daugh - ters: make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

Cantor: Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus, let us shine with your light and peace. **All: Song over the Waters refrain**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

Blessing of the Water

Pastor: Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.
Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to the Spirit
He has given us. God our Father...

Cantor: Praise to you, O God! **All: Praise to you, O God!**

Pastor: We ask you now to...

Cantor: Praise to you, O God! **All: Praise to you, O God!**

Pastor: Renew the living spring...**All: Amen**

Cantor: Waters of the sea, waters of the earth **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters of the skies, waters of our birth **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Rivers of the earth, gentle flowing streams **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Spirit of our hopes, spirit of our dreams **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters of the clouds, waters of the wind **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters that will be, waters that have been **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Mighty blowing storms, gentle falling rains **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Water for the vine, water for the grain **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: You are the breath of life, you are the hope of the hopeless, come
And fill us with light and peace.

All: Song Over the Waters Refrain

Holy Baptism of Charlotte Abigail Grossi

Red Book Page 227

(or follow along on hand out)

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is from the 24th Chapter of Joshua

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: To Be Sung

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom,
the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

(Please remain standing)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song:

“Lamb Of God”

A: Have mercy on us. **C: Have mercy on us.**

After last verse A: Grant us your peace. **C: Grant us your peace.**

Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community (*especially*). Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us (*especially*). Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

C: Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Song: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” Red book #708
(or see song sheet insert)**

The Second Reading is from the 6th Chapter of Ephesians
Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.
(Please stand as able)

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor sings verse

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

Jesus said, ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?" ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
(Please be seated)

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

(Please stand as able)

Sermon Hymn: "I Received the Living God" red book #477
(or see song sheet insert)

Apostle's Creed

C: 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 into hell. 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 communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Song Sheet

“Borning Cry”

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

“I Received the Living God”

Refrain: *I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.*

- 1 Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*
- 2 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
Refrain
- 4 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*