

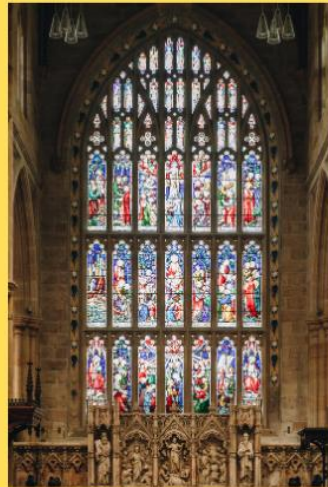
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...share in the
inheritance of
the saints in
the light
Colossians 1:12

**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Pete and Becky
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Confession and Forgiveness based on Isaiah 58

Gathered in the shared space of this sanctuary let us now turn back to God, confessing the thoughts and actions which strain that most sacred relationship

Silence for reflection

God our creator, you have raised up the foundations of many generations through giving each a share of your grace. Forgive us when we forget that your grace is a gift. Though we are called to share it with others, to loose the bonds of injustice, too often we point the finger and speak evil rather than love. Help us fast from greed, hubris and mockery, yoking our lives instead to generosity, humility and mercy. Forgive us when the Sabbath is trampled by our selfish ways. Guide us to share your grace once again so that we might become repairers of the breach and restorers of the streets we live in.

You have cried for help and God has said, Here I am. Showered by God's grace you are forgiven. God has satisfied the parched places of your soul, freeing you to share that grace with others in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us delight in the Lord! Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name... Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

**Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.**

Opening Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV 649

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is
Jesus**

(Refrain)

**In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both
alike.**

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path

And show me the way to the Father (refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Generous God, as your people, we are called to be one. Keep us committed to living in community, especially when our fears threaten to falter our faith. We give you thanks for this life we share, empowered by the Holy Spirit, striving always to follow the way of Jesus. Lead us into your Word. Give us willing hearts to share our stories, our faith and our resources with any who have need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV 649

Centering Song [Mark Schultz - Remember Me with lyrics](#)

Welcome the Word

We were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death; that as Christ was raised victorious we might live a brand new life. As we hear the Word and wonder what to us it longs to say make us ready to receive it day by day

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:3-16

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of

the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

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.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God 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.
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.

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

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning, from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Offering Prayer

God of abundant grace, you provide for us in so many ways. Out of your faithfulness to us we return a portion of what you have so freely given. May it be shared with those who seek to know and be known by your love. As we prepare to receive your grace at this table we humbly name how much we need it. Thank you for loving us through this sacred meal. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

As we gather around this ever-expanding table where God's grace is so freely shared we remember that this holy meal was first shared by Jesus with his beloved disciples. On the night of his betrayal Jesus sat with his friends around a table, he took bread...who taught us to pray

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of a bigger table, you have set a place for each of us at this holy meal. May Christ's bread and cup give us the strength and courage to share your boundless love with all who hunger for your mercy. Let us practice a faith that is always willing to pull up another chair for anyone who seeks unconditional welcome. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

May your share of God's love lift you up
May your share of Jesus' compassion comfort you
May your share of the Spirit guide you toward hope
And may you generously share that love, compassion and hope with others in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

You Are the Seed WOV

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You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon
to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're
the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft,

gentle touch, to witness wherever you go. (refrain)

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God, messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, so resplendent with
hope,
faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world to
waters and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for
myself, you're the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new
reign of God built on rock where justice and truth are at home.
(refrain)

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a
turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of
bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, there's no
mountain can cover its might; let your light shine so that your
loving works give honor and glory to God. (refrain)

Dismissal We go into the world ready to share the Good News.
Thanks be to God!