

# Sacrament Sunday: Celebrating Communion and Baptism



# Communion

- **Matthew 26: 17-19**      **The Preparation**
- <sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup> He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

# Communion

- **Matthew 26:26**

## The Bread

- <sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

# Communion

- **Matthew 26:27-28**      **The Wine**
- <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

# Communion

- **Joyous Praise! Sing the “Doxology”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

# Baptism

- **Go and make disciples . . .**
- <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

# Baptism

- **An outward sign of inward grace**
- **A pronouncement to the world that you believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord of your life**
- **Not an infusion of saving grace, but a sharing with others of your previous commitment to Christ as Savior and Lord**
- **The act of Baptism, similar to other spiritual disciplines (such as praise and worship, prayer, studying Scripture, etc.) is often accompanied by a strong presence of the Holy Spirit**

# Baptism

- **The rite of Christian initiation/The sacrament of initiation into Christ's Church**
- <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41)



# Baptism

- **Connection to the Old Testament: Rites of Purification**
- <sup>6</sup> And Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. (Leviticus 8:6)
- <sup>3</sup> But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. <sup>4</sup> He shall put on *the holy linen coat* and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. *He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on.* <sup>5</sup> And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for *a sin offering*, and one ram for *a burnt offering*. (Leviticus 16:3-5)

# Baptism

- **Substitutionary atonement for sin in the Old Testament**
- “The biblical idea of sacrifice concerns the way of approach to God, finding acceptance before him by means of an acceptable substitute offered in place of the sinner and bearing the curse of sin.”
  - The Gospel Coalition: “The Theology of Sacrifice”

# Baptism

- **References to water purification in the New Testament**
- **2** On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”
- <sup>6</sup> *Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. (John 2:1-6)*

# Baptism

- **John the Baptist as first to widely use adult full immersion**
- <sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a *baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, *confessing their sins*. (Mark 1:4-5)

# Baptism

- **Includes a confession of Jesus Christ as Lord**
- <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him [the Ethiopian eunuch] the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”
- *37: And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he replied, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”*
- <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

# Baptism

- **Water is linked to the blood of Christ and the purifying power of the Holy Spirit**
- <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)
- <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. (1 John 5:6-8)

# Baptism

- **We are counted righteous through faith in Christ's righteousness**
- <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, *I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.* For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, *not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—* <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection (Philippians 3:7-10a)

# Baptism

- **From the gutter to glory . . .**
- <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)



# Act of Baptism

- **Questions for the “Baptizee”:**
  - “Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?”
  - “To the best of your abilities, will you obey and serve Him for the rest of your life?”
- **Declaration by the “Baptizer”:**
  - “Because you have professed your faith in the Lord Jesus, I now baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”

# Joy in the Lord!



# Let Us Pray

