

# The Lord’s Service

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2007

10:00 a.m. Congregation

## For Reflection in Preparation for worship – *from the Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q 165 What is Baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,(1) to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself,(2) of remission of sins by his blood,(3) and regeneration by his Spirit;(4) of adoption,(5) and resurrection unto everlasting life;(6) and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church,(7) and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.(8) (1)Matt. 28:19 (2)Gal. 3:27 (3)Mark 1:4; Rev. 1:5 (4)Tit. 3:5; Eph. 5:26 (5)Gal. 3:26,27 (6)1 Cor. 15:29; Rom. 6:5 (7)1 Cor. 12:13 (8)Rom. 6:4

Q 166 Unto whom is baptism to be administered?

Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him,(1) but infants descended from parents, either both or but one of them professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, are, in that respect, within the covenant, and to be baptized.(2) (1)Acts 8:36,37; Acts 2:38 (2)Gen. 17:7,9 compared with Gal. 3:9,14 and Col. 2:11,12 and Acts 2:38,39 and Rom. 4:11,12; 1 Cor. 7:14; Matt. 28:19; Luke 18:15,16; Rom. 11:16

## Silent Prayer in Preparation for Worship

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights, and vanquished all the temptations of the devil by which our first parents were overcome; Grant that we may not receive the grace of God in vain, but use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, no desire of pleasure, glory, or worldly advantage my tempt us from our duty; but that we may ever obey Your godly motions, in righteousness and true happiness, to Your honor and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

*- From the Book of Common Prayer, Revised Liturgy of 1689; The Sixth Sunday Before Easter*

## Prelude

## Salutation

*(based on 1 Peter 1:1-5)*

To those who are elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

## Welcome & Announcements

# The Lord Calls Us To Draw Near

## †<sup>1</sup>Call to Worship

**- Ephesians 2:1-10 & Psalm 117**

*Minister:*

ESV Ephesians 2:1

...you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience- <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body<sup>1</sup> and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Psalm 117:1 Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

*Church:*

**<sup>2</sup>For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!**

## †*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding Sacrifice, in my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise) Arise*

*Arise, my soul*

*Arise (Arise) Arise (Arise) Arise*

*Arise my soul, arise*

*Shake off your guilty fear and rise....*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Chorus*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, They strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O, forgive" they cry;  
"Forgive him, O forgive" they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die".

*Chorus*

My God is reconciled; His pard’ning voice I hear.  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba Father," cry

*Chorus*

## †Prayer of Adoration & Supplication

# The Lord Cleanses Us

## †Call to Confession

**- Psalm 145:8-9**

*Minister:* The LORD is gracious and merciful,

*Church: **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.***

*Minister:* The LORD is good to all,

*Church: **And his mercy is over all that he has made.***

## Confession of Sin & Prayers for Mercy

***Most holy and merciful Father,  
we acknowledge and confess before You  
our sinful natures—prone to evil and slothful in good—  
and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts,  
in forgetting Your love.***

***O Lord, have mercy on us.***

***Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults,  
and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.***

***And we ask You, O most holy and loving Father, to so cleanse our hearts  
that we may hereafter live in Your light and walk in Your ways,  
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Minister: O Father, hear our confession for Jesus sake, we pray.

Church: ***Amen!***

## Assurance of Pardon

**- 1 Peter 2:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.  
<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep,  
but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Minister: this is the word of the Lord!

Church: ***Thanks be to God!***

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

- *Words of Explanation & Exhortation*
- *Parental Vows - by Andrew & Carol Voelkel*
- *Baptism of Luke Allen Voelkel*

## †Prayer of Thanks and Commitment (in song)

We come before You in this place  
To seek the blessing of Your grace;  
We pledge this child to be Your own,  
Gently cared for from Your throne.

Thank You for the life You’ve given,  
A life ordained from highest heaven,  
We praise You for Your loving plan,  
For Covenant mercies, pledged to man.

We vow to pray and faithful be,  
To teach Your truths consistently  
And for our Covenant children, Lord,  
We claim the promise of Your Word.

## †Greeting

## †Gathering Song - *Tender Mercy (Psalm 28)*

Hear my cry for mercy  
As I call to You  
As I lift my hands in Spirit  
And in Truth

We cry mercy *(in the name of the Father most Holy)*  
We cry mercy *(in the name of the Son Who was slain)*  
Lord have mercy *(in the name of the Spirit indwelling)*  
Tender mercy Lord  
You are mercy *(in the name of the Father most Holy)*  
You are mercy *(in the name of the Son Who was slain)*  
Lord have mercy *(in the name of the Spirit indwelling)*  
Tender mercy Lord

In Your tender mercy  
Brought by grace through faith  
I will lift my heart  
Toward Your most Holy place

(Repeat chorus)

We cry mercy;  
We cry mercy;  
We cry mercy  
Tender mercy Lord;  
Tender mercy Lord

<sup>1</sup> The congregation is asked to stand (those who are able)

# The Lord Consecrates Us By His Word

## Old Testament Lesson

- Psalm 77:13-20

<sup>ESV</sup> <sup>13</sup>Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

<sup>14</sup>You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. <sup>15</sup>You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. <sup>16</sup>When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. <sup>17</sup>The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. <sup>18</sup>The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. <sup>19</sup>Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. <sup>20</sup>You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Lector: The Word of the LORD  
Church: *Thanks be to God*

## Profession of Faith

- Psalm 23

<sup>ESV</sup> *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

<sup>2</sup>*He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

*He leads me beside still waters.*

<sup>3</sup>*He restores my soul.*

*He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

<sup>4</sup>*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

<sup>5</sup>*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

<sup>6</sup>*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

## The Sermon

- John 6:16-24

<sup>ESV</sup> **John 6:16-24** <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, <sup>1</sup>they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. <sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

Notes

## The Tribute Offering

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Intercessory Prayers

## †Closing Song of Faith - *Be Still My Soul*

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly Friend, Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake; To guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! The waves and wind still know; His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on, When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Be still, my soul!: begin the song of praise, On earth, believing, to thy Lord on high; Acknowledge Him in all thy works and ways, So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye. Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine, Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.

## The Lord Commissions Us

### †The Benediction

- 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

### Announcements

- **Tonight - Theological Training at Church Office** – 7-9 pm
- **Attention Spring Cleaners: The SBRPC Spring Garage-Sale Fundraiser is coming soon.** *If you have items to donate, please see Lisa Lindsay; money raised will be used to fund the Summer mission trip.*
- **Our Youth & Family Urban Mission trip to St. Louis is scheduled for July 14-21. The cost is \$250 per person, which covers our food and lodging, and supports a Tutoring Program for inner city youth.** *We hope to bring a team of 19 people to staff the tutoring program, lead backyard bible clubs, and engage in community service projects. Please see Andrew Voelkel if you are interested.*
- **Veritas forum at LSU March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Topic: The Environment --- Does God Care? See flyers in foyer for more details.**

### Weekly Calendar

**Wednesday** - Community Group at the Pourciau home; 7pm. 7335 Sevenoaks

**Thursday** - Women's Bible Study Fellowship – at the Blanchfield Home; 5423 Southpointer; 9:30-11 a.m. Childcare provided; RSVP with Melissa 768-7983.

**Next Sunday** - Morning Fellowship & Sunday School - 8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.  
- Church Membership Seminar continues – during Sunday School hour.  
- The Lord's Service - 10:00 am  
\* Youth Group Picnic at Highland Road Park after the service

### Special Fellowship & Ministry Opportunities

- **April 1; 4pm - Crawfish Boil @ Simmons' home;** sign-up sheet in foyer.
- **April 14 - New Orleans Work Day Ministry**  
Mark Becker is recruiting and leading work teams on these dates to help with rebuilding work. Please contact Mark at [marksuzan@integrity.com](mailto:marksuzan@integrity.com) or 683-6886 if you would like sign up. – *All SBRPC Youth Group members are encouraged to attend.*
- **April 28<sup>th</sup>, Disaster Response Training;** see Tim Smith for details.

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# SOUTH BATON ROUGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH [PCA] PROCLAIMING AND PERFORMING THE GOSPEL

March 11, 2007

## Welcome!

**Our hope and prayer is that God will be pleased to make us a church that honors Him as our lives, our community, our city and our world are radically changed through the powerful working of the Gospel of Jesus Christ within all those who believe.**

South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church is a new church, and is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a Christ-centered denomination that is committed to telling the world about Jesus.

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