

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 43:1-7

- ¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.
- ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,
- ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Epistle: Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too

might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

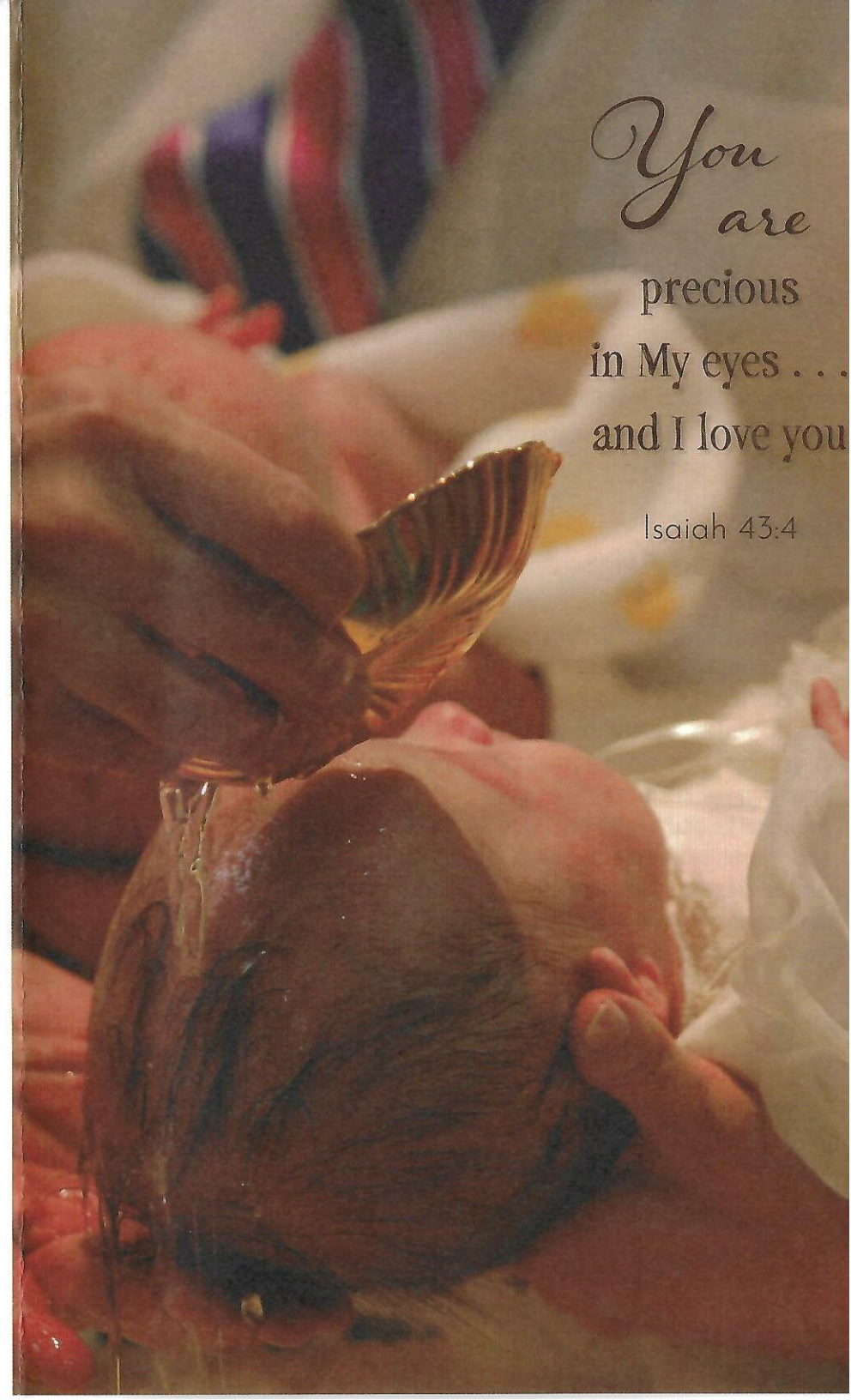
¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

About the Cover: The Lord looks upon His chosen people as precious because of His love. Christ, who has always been the eternal and beloved Son of the Father, willingly passed through the waters of a Baptism of repentance that He did not need. He brings blessing through the sacred waters of our Baptism as we are joined to Him, the only Son of the Father. When the Father looks upon us, He sees Christ. Because of this, we are precious and loved in His eyes as His dear children.



Epiphany



You
are
precious
in My eyes . . .
and I love you

Isaiah 43:4

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Hymn . . . "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #283 TFBF

Invocation

Season of Epiphany Versicle

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Lift up your eyes and look around:

All gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your sun will never set again.

The Lord is our Light and our Salvation!

Your moon will wane no more.

The Lord is our Light and our Salvation!

Your days of sorrow will end.

The Lord is our Light and our Salvation! Whom shall we fear?

Confession & Forgiveness – Order D

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment.

But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we ask that You hear our prayers that we lift to You. Help us to listen and understand the things You do through Your grace and mercy so that we can honor You. This we pray in Jesus name who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Gospel Lesson

Apostles Creed p.95

Hymn . . . "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #242 TFBF

Message

Offering

Prayers:

Dear Lord, thank you for blessing us and fulfilling our many needs.
Lord in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Guide our church as we seek to share Your gospel with our entire community. Lord in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless all in our hearing to always rejoice in Your holy name. Lord in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Bless, comfort and heal all those we name from our prayer list and those on our hearts and minds (*name the persons on the list*). Lord in Your mercy.

Hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction:

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Hymn . . . "I Love to Tell the Story" #228 TFBF

Announcements:

***Next Sunday we will have holy communion.**

Thank you to the Elders and any other persons they may have drafted to assist them with the service.

Thank you to Gina, Renard and today's musician.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title _____

Texts _____

Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

I Want to Remember _____

What Response Does God Want? _____