



Jesus: Son of God
Matthew 3:13-17 – New Officer Installation

March 7, 2021

Characters
Rev. Dr. Jim Glatz

Prelude (Video)

Celebration of Community

Welcome to in person and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. For those here in person, we want to remind you to keep your masks on during the service to keep everyone healthy.

- We also welcome our visitors today. Please fill out our online Visitor Form so that we can connect with you: saxegotha.org/visit-us.
- Our 4 Hands Piano Concert premieres this evening at 7 pm on Saxe Gotha's YouTube channel. The concert will benefit the Piano/Organ Fund. You can donate in person or online at saxegotha.org/give.
- Easter Lily Sales are today through March 14. Lilies are \$15 each and will be displayed during the Easter Services. You can purchase them with the envelopes in the pews or online at saxegotha.org/easter.
- We will have 3 Services on Easter: 6:30 am Sunrise, 8:30 am Traditional and 11:00 am Contemporary. Please make reservations at saxegotha.org/events for the 8:30 and 11:00 services. You do not need to register for the Sunrise Service.

We Gather to Worship

Music of Preparation

Morning has broken (Handbell Duet) (also titled "Baptized in Water")

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one, just as he and the Father are one.

People: Today we offer our praise and prayer together, as one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. In harmony, let us glorify God—Father, Son, and Spirit.

Opening Hymn

#3 Holy, Holy, Holy

A Prayer to our Triune God

Dear Lord,
you have revealed yourself to us as a triune God:
as our powerful Creator,
our dying Savior, and
our comforting Spirit.

But we also know you
as our loving Father,
a risen Lord,
and our comforting Holy Spirit.

We're never really sure of how
you are able to be all these things to us,
but you are. And we praise you.

Holy God, lead us in your ways
that we may grow in becoming
who you have created and redeemed us to be.

As we hear what may seem to our limited minds
to be an impossible call,
teach us the grace to place our limitations
within the wonder of your unlimited hands.
In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

From the ECO Essential Tenets

Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly human. As to His divinity, He is the Son, the second person of the Trinity, being of one substance with the Father; as to His humanity, He is like us in every way but sin, of one substance with us, like us in having both a human soul and a human body. As to His divinity, He is eternally begotten of the Father; as to His humanity, He is born of the virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit. As to His divinity, His glory fills heaven and earth; as to His humanity, His glory is shown in the form of a suffering servant, most clearly when He is lifted up on the cross in our place.

Gloria Patri

Children's Message(Video)

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Hymn

#465 Baptized in Water

Offertory Prayer

It has been so nice to see the Kids and Youth all around campus on Sunday Evenings! Special thanks to the volunteers and parents making this possible.

Anthem

And can it be?

Bumper Video

CHARACTERS

We Hear God's Word

Message

Jesus: The Son of God (Matthew 3:13-17)

We Respond to God's Word

Installation of New Officers

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Benediction

Closing Hymn

#391 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Mary McDonald
