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The Baptism of Our Lord

Divine Service, setting four T January 9, 2021 T 5:00 pm

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB # 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?



3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief • Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew • What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen • Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

P We silently place before the Lord any particular sins that may be weighing heavily upon our minds and hearts this day.
P Together we confess:
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 2:7-11, 12; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

P [The Lord says,]

C "Behold My servant, whom I uphold,
My Chosen, in whom My soul delights."

P I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me,

C "You are My Son; today I have begotten you.

P "Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,
and the ends of the earth Your possession.

C You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

C Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

P Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
for His wrath is quickly kindled.

C Blessèd are all who take refuge in Him.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C It was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P [The Lord says,]

C "Behold My servant, whom I uphold,
My Chosen, in whom My soul delights."

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy*



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis *Glory to God in the Highest*



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God's Word

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 1:1-5

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Moses writes:]

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Romans 6:1-11

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We 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.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:4-11

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Mark writes:]

John [the Baptizer] appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

P Together we confess our common Christian Faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Once with Sinners Numbered" LSB # 404
This hymn will be sung to the tune "Beach Spring" — LSB # 849
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

1. Jesus, once with sinners numbered • Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan • His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit • There descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded • "Hear My Son, the One I love."

2. John confessed Him as the Savior • "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
Yet he dared not loose the sandals • Of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus • Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation • Preaching mercy from the cross:

3. This the baptism that our Savior • Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed • So the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah • As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed • Son of God, sent to redeem.

4. Jesus, once with sinners numbered • Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated • Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam • Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous • Over us the cross You trace.

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Sermon

"Baptism!"

1 Thess. 5:16-24

Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

To maximize health & safety for all, offering plates will not be passed during the service.

You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand at the door to the worship area.

You also may give them online or by mailing them to the church.

We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting

His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.

Introduction to the Prayers

Responsive Prayer of the Church:

adapted from LSB 215ff, Divine Service, setting 5

P By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God has told us through the Apostle Paul, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as [His] sons [and daughters]."

Therefore, sisters and brothers in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus our incarnate Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us:

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all sinners and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in any kind of need, praying for them, and ourselves, at all times: Thy will be done. Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs so that we may be Your instruments to help others. Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

Other prayers, silent or spoken, may now be prayed. Each prayer will end:

P ... Merciful Lord,

C as Your daughters and sons, hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us for the sake of our incarnate Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Final Prayer

P Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant
that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;
that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word
may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;
that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope; and
that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

LSB #877



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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Postlude

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