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The Baptism of Our Lord

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

- ♪ To Jordan’s river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow’r and might.
- ♪ The Savior came to be baptized- The Son of God in flesh disguised,  
To stand beneath the Father’s will And all His righteousness fulfill.
- ♪ As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove, Descended on Him from above.
- ♪ Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound Came God’s own voice with words  
profound: “This is My Son,” was His decree, “The one I love, who pleases Me.”
- ♪ The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall To save the world and free us all.
- ♪ Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord Supreme.

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## Invocation

Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Do you renounce the devil?

**Yes, I renounce him.**

Do you renounce all his works?

**Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all his ways?

**Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**Yes, I believe 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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.**

Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of Your Baptism and, as a member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

**Yes, with the help of God.**

Come then, trace the sign of the cross upon you with the baptismal water, recalling your Baptism into Christ, and renewing Your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live.

**In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## **Hymn of Praise** *Please Be Seated*

“Father Welcomes”

~Father welcomes all His children To His family through His Son.

Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

♪ Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.

Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. ~Father welcomes....

♪ In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:

Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. ~Father welcomes....

♪ Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,

Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. ~Father welcomes....

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1–7

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

<sup>6</sup>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,

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we

who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ

Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has

died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live

with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has

dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to

God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

♪ Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way; Direct, protect, and feed me

From day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray;

So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

♪ Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear, For You, the Rock of Ages,

Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,

For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

♪ Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen

My steps toward home. Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;

So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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## **Holy Gospel** *Please Stand*

Luke 3:15–22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John 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 fire. <sup>17</sup>His 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.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

## **Children's Message** *Please Be Seated*

## **The Hymn**

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

♪ Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.

♪ My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threatening clouds around I see.

♪ My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled: Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

♪ All that I am and love most dearly, Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Dead and Dying; Living and Alive”

Romans 6:1–12

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Father, in Jordan's baptismal water, You fulfilled the word of the prophet and washed us clean to become Your own children. Grant that we may rejoice in our Savior's Baptism, which gives hope to our own Baptism and through which You now behold us as Your own people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You have called us by name and placed upon us Your name and Your grace; give now Your Spirit that we may hear the voice of Your Son speaking hope through the Word and believe in Him faithfully to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Embolden Your church with Your Word and gifts that we may address the world with hope of sins forgiven and death undone by the death and resurrection of our Lord and that hearing this Gospel, many may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Equip and bless all pastors and church workers and those training for church work vocations, that at home and abroad there may be faithful servants to support and care for Your people in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of our nation and locality with Your Word that they may act with integrity and serve in accordance with Your will, assisting virtue, justice, and peace here and in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give to Your people generous hearts that as richly as we have received, we may also give. Bless the tithes and offerings we bring with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

### *Special Intercessions*

Recalling John, at whose hand our Lord was baptized, and those who delivered to us the faith in Word and Sacrament, grant that we may also so faithfully pass on the witness of Your mercy and be kept in life and be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“How Firm a Foundation”

♪ How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

♪ “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,

For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

♪ “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

♪ “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

♪ “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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## Postlude