

The Baptism of our Lord



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“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”

INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark’s gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit’s movement that distinguishes Jesus’ baptism from John’s. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God’s beloved children and setting us on Jesus’ mission to re-create the world in the image of God’s vision of justice and peace.

Prelude

Gary Ritter

Welcome – Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Holy God,

C: ***you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and***

its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: How vast is God’s grace! Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God’s own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God’s forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ’s justice and the Spirit’s reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new resolutions and old controversies, new dreams and old frailties. We enter this year with hopeful expectations of new things to come. Transform us by your Spirit. Grant us patience, renewal and strength as we journey forward. Grant us strong faith that we may follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Baptized and Set Free”

Number 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm Reading

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Children's Message

Pam Ensley

Message

"In the Beginning"

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day *"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"* Number 304

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true, sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed, that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

Let us pray for the church and its ministry throughout the world, for its leaders, and for all those guided by the Holy Spirit who proclaim the forgiveness of sins. Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

We pray for wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and through faithful stewards who care for all God has made. Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their words wisely. Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship. We pray for all who suffer physically or mentally, especially those we name aloud or in our hearts. God show them compassion and bring them peace. Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

For teachers, parents, school administrators, and students as they navigate another semester of school. Renew their energy, creativity,

and passion for what they do. We pray for medical workers, researchers, administrators, custodians, lab technicians and all those who are on the front lines dealing with the challenges and trials of this time. Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

We pray in thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations. Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Peace

Special Music *"We Three Kings"*

Prayer of Preparation

Our Lord and Savior, receive us as we seek the gifts you offer. Create in us new beginnings as we humbly take of this holy meal. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us to love others through service and grace. ***Amen.***

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Prayer after Communion

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened and renewed for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit ready to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. ***Amen.***

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *"Let All Things Now Living"* Number 881

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Our thanks to this morning's musicians: Pat Hagensen, Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson

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"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

Text: F. Bland Tucker; @1985 The Church Pension Fund

Music: Nikolaus Herman, LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Text & Music: John Henry Hopkins; THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

"Let All Things Now Living"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, @1939, 1966 E.C. Schirmer Music Co.

Music: Welsh folk tune THE ASH GROVE