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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

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

I will go to the altar of God,

To God my exceeding joy.

Psalms 43:4

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

**For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures
forever. Praise the Lord!**

Psalms 117

Confession and Absolution

Jesus Christ is God’s chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God’s assurance and promise of forgiveness.

A Time of Silence

**Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with
the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people
of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light
of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of
Your eternal kingdom.**

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*

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (vv. 1-2)

♪ Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise, Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar, Branch of royal David’s stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

♪ Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow’r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The 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 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

♪ Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

♪ When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

♪ When the darkness appears And the night draws near And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home—

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 3:13–17

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom 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

“Beautiful Savior”

- ♪ Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- ♪ Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- ♪ Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- ♪ Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Proclamation of the Word

“The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly”

Isaiah 42:1–9

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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*

“O Blessed Spring”

- ♪ O blessed spring, where Word and sign Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be A branch of this life-giving Tree.
- ♪ Through summer heat of youthful years, Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, The boughs will shout for joy again.
- ♪ When autumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- ♪ As winter comes, as winters must, We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing And trust the promise of the spring.
- ♪ Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Postlude