

CLOSING HYMN

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
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And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sin and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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St. Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Joy to the World



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

OPENING HYMN

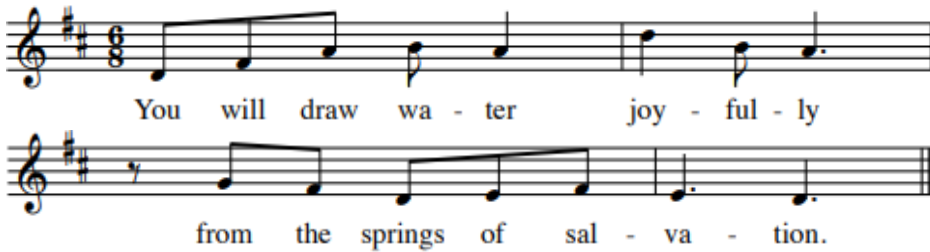
On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise to You, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6



You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly
from the springs of sal - va - tion.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**When John Baptized by Jordan's River**

1. When John baptized by Jordan's river
In faith and hope the people came,
That John and Jordan might deliver
Their troubled souls from sin and shame.
They came to seek a new beginning,
The human spirit's ageless quest,
Repentance, and an end of sinning,
Renouncing ev'ry wrong confessed.
2. There as the Lord, baptized and praying,
Rose from the stream, the sinless one,
A voice was heard from heaven saying,
"This is my own beloved Son."
There as the Father's word was spoken,
Not in the pow'r of wind and flame,
But of his love and peace the token,
Seen as a dove, the Spirit came.
3. O Son of Man, our nature sharing,
In whose obedience all are blest,
Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing,
Hear us and grant us this request:
Daily to grow, by grace defended,
Filled with the Spirit from above;
In Christ baptized, beloved, befriended,
Children of God in peace and love.

COMMUNION**I Receive the Living God**

*I receive the living God, and my heart is full of joy.
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1 Jesus says: I am the Bread
Sent to you from God Most High.
Take and eat, and you will live;
You need never fear to die.

5 Jesus says: I am the Life,
Raised in triumph from the dead.
As one Body now remain,
Members joined to me, the Head.

2 Jesus says: I am the Vine,
Far from whom no life can grow.
If you join yourself to me,
A rich harvest you will know.

6 Jesus says: I am the Day,
Shining brightly through your night.
Welcome me, and you will walk
By the Spirit's guiding light.

3 Jesus says: I am the Way,
And my path is straight and true.
Follow me to where I lead;
There my Father waits for you.

7 Jesus says: I am the Love
Which can bind you close to me.
Those who know this gift I bring
Will find true community.

4 Jesus says: I am the Truth.
If you follow close to me,
You will know me in your heart,
And my word will make you free.

8 Jesus says: I am the Peace
Which the world cannot bestow.
Learn to love and live in me,
And in you my Reign will grow.

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COMMUNION 2**Behold the Lamb**

1 Those who were in the dark
are thankful for the sunlight;
we who live, we who die
are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.

2 Peaceful now, those whose hearts
are blessed with understanding
of the wheat, of the wine
united with his word and the love we share.

***Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God
shall come to know his glory.***