

CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 5 PM Mass

Sunday 11 AM Mass, 5:30 PM Mass

We are continuing to monitor rapidly-emerging information about the pandemic related to group music-making. Several multi-disciplinary research studies have been initiated around this topic and we await news from those in the coming weeks. The current consensus among choral leaders is that distance while singing remains important until we know more. We join with other cathedrals worldwide, of those that are open, in a position of caution at this time: we are minimizing congregational singing while remaining faithful to Mass rubrics. The cantor is moved upstairs and will sing the Propers of the day alone, on your behalf. The Mass Ordinary remains a familiar one, but we ask that you do not sing out of prudence for your neighbors. Organ music will stand in for the people in the places allowed by liturgical documents. Please silently meditate on the texts, and certainly, if you are with your family at home, sing along. Music is an integral part of the liturgy, and will remain in the long term. Your Co-Cathedral Music remains committed to excellence, and to your participation. We don't like this temporary situation, and we don't like this virus. We expect more information to come forth and will pivot accordingly. For now, until further notice, we prefer to err on the side of caution and concern for your safety until more is known. We will continue to monitor. Thank you and God bless.

Prelude

Processional

Dilexisti

CORONATION

All justice you have loved and taught, but scorned iniquity,
So God anoints and raises you above your company
Christoph Tietze: Hymn Introits for the Liturgical Year. Reprinted with Permission.

Welcome

Penitential Act

Confiteor

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Kyrie eleison (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial: Psalm 29

Owen Alstott

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise,
Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Owen Alstott

Alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Homily

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

This is a time where everyone is anxious about finances and job security. At our parish, we are hoping to pay our required expenses without cutting ministries or staff—both that are so important to spread the Gospel and serve you.

Traditionally, this is the normal part of the Mass for the Offertory Collection. *IF* you are able to make any contribution to the Co-Cathedral, we ask you to do so now by using the QR code to the right or following the link below. Or after Mass, you may enroll in Faith Direct for regular online contributions, also by following the link.

Thank you for your assistance at this trying time.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Preface

Sanctus (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Concluding Doxology (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik

AMEN.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Mass of St. Gregory the Great)

Luke Mayernik

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Holy Communion

Qui meditabitur (mode III)

Gregorian Chant

He who meditates day and night on the law of the Lord, shall bear fruit in due season.

We invite you to pray for Spiritual Communion using these words:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional