

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9th - 10th, 2021

Entrance Hymn

To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came #457

To Jordan Jesus humbly came,
His gospel mission to proclaim;
On earth, in heav'n God's will be done
By God's beloved only Son.

John plunged him in that wat'ry grave;
Christ rose to teach and heal and save,
to show us how to die to sin
and share eternal life with him.

God's thund'ring voice the heavens rends,
the Spirit's might on him descends;
the Word-made-Flesh, with grace infused,
anointed, goes to bring Good News.

God names us sons and daughters, too,
in font and Spirit born anew;
in Christ we die, with Christ we rise,
through Christ we enter paradise.

Gloria

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.

First Reading *Here is my servant, my chosen one
in whom my soul delights.*

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah **IS 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.
The word of the Lord.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)

Refrain: *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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

Second Reading *God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

A reading from the first letter of Saint John 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.

The word of the Lord.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel *You are my Son, the beloved; my favor rests on you.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **MK 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.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.
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.

Offertory Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten #415

Of the Father's heart begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see:
Evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
overshadowed by the Spirit,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face:
Evermore and evermore!

This is he whom seers and sages,
sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word:
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord.
Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of Heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow'rs, dominions bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on Earth be silent,
every voice in concert sing.
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to you, with God the Father,
and the Spirit, One in Three,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be;

honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory:
Evermore and evermore

Communion Hymn

Draw Near #935

Refrain: Draw near, draw near!
Take the body of your Lord.
Draw near, draw near!
Drink the blood for you outpoured!

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God. [Refrain]

2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
Has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He spent his life for greatest and for least,
praise Christ the Paschal Victim, Christ the Priest. [Refrain]

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
And claim the promise of salvation here.
Christ, rules our hearts, and all his saints defends,
He gives believers life that never ends. [Refrain]

4 With heav'nly bread Christ makes the hungry whole,
His living water fills the thirsting soul.
Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow,
All nations of the earth be with us now. [Refrain]

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World #424

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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.

No more let sin and sorrow 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.

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.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord and One Another!