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Baptism of Our Lord

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The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

Worship leaders’ parts are in regular font.
Responses of the assembly are in bold font.

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+ Gathering +

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who
unites us and sends us.

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

(kneel - Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Mighty and loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy,
cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts
of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope,
and love.

Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are
forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and
the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

Greeting (stand)

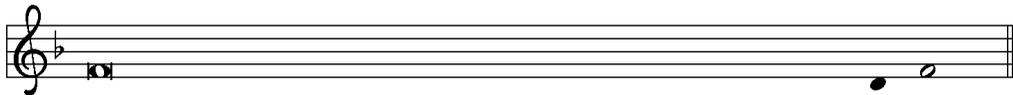
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (stand - sung)



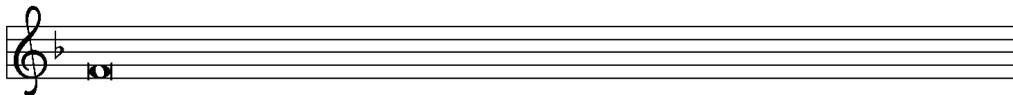
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



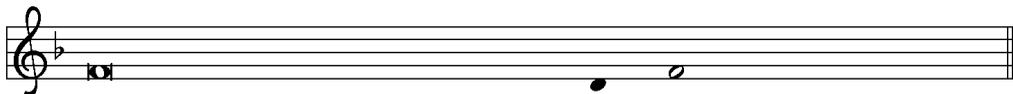
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



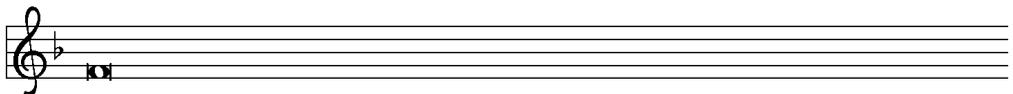
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



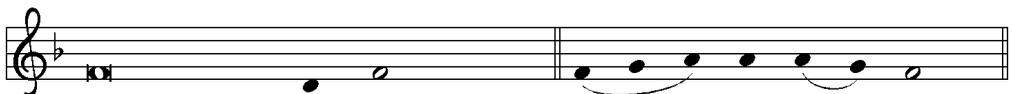
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



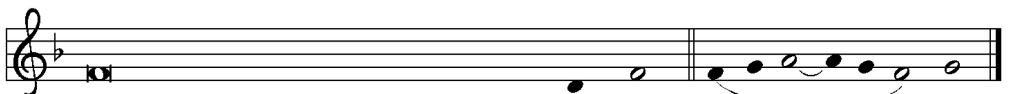
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

(sit)

+ Word +

First Reading:

Isaiah 43:1–7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

- ¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- ⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

After the First Reading the following will be said:

Word of God, Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm (Congregation: refrain and verses in bold print)

Psalm 29

- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory
thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

Second Reading:

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

After the Second Reading the following will be said:

Word of God, Word of Life!
Thanks be to God!



(The above four-fold Alleluia is sung by the congregation. The proper verse is sung by a soloist which is followed by a repetition of the four-fold Alleluia by the congregation.)

A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, | the Beloved,
with whom I | am well pleased."

Gospel: (stand)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed *(stand)*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We 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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(stand)*

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We remember those within the Trinity family who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

We remember those who are serving in the armed forces, especially . .

We remember those outside the Trinity membership who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

We remember our bishops . . .

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth. Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please Note: During the cold and flu season, at your discretion, you may share the peace with those about you with the customary handshake. If you would prefer not to share the peace in this manner, please be seated immediately following the above liturgical dialogue. Please also note that the acolytes and the Pastor wash/sanitize their hands after sharing the peace and prior to communion.)

+ Meal +

Offering

Choir Anthem

Offertory: *(stand - sung)*

No. 182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The Great Thanksgiving *(stand - sung)*

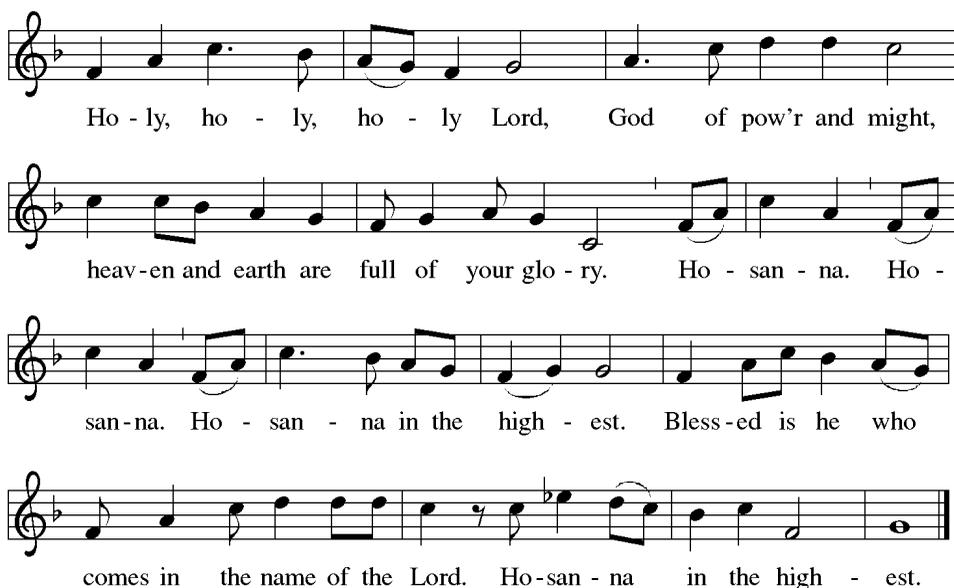
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The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table (*Prayer for Epiphany*) (from *With One Voice*)

Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to
be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe will rejoice
in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that,
refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world, revealing the
brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(stand)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

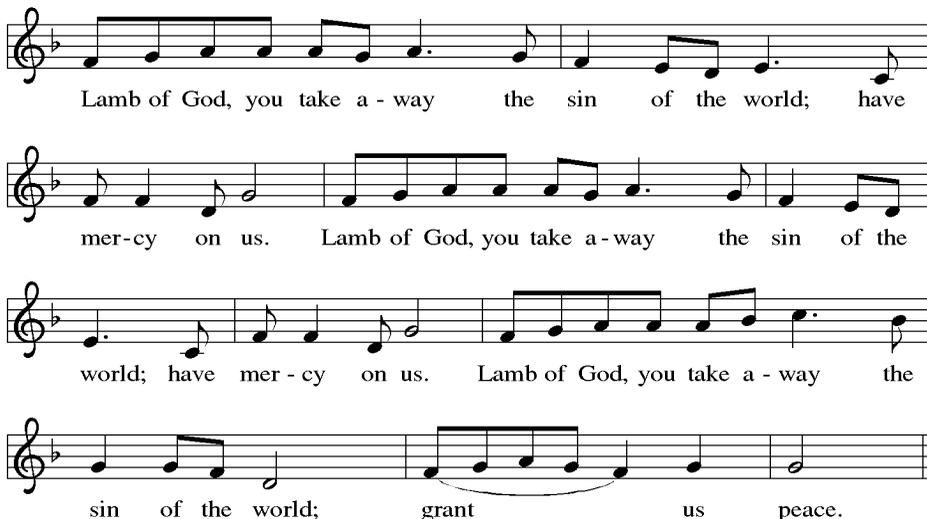
Invitation to Communion *(stand)*

Come to the table.

Feast on God's abundant life for you.

Communion Song *(stand)*

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

If you have been baptized, have received your First Communion, and share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament, you are invited to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist will be distributed by *intinction (the wafer dipped into the wine)*. Please come to the altar at the direction of the ushers.

Children not receiving holy communion are invited to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. They should bow their heads for the blessing as they are approached by the pastor.

Post-Communion Blessing: *(stand)*

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Song after Communion

(stand - sung)

No. 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer After Communion

(stand)

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.

Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

+ Sending +

Blessing:

(stand)

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal*(stand)*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude**Sharing Affirmations**

As you prepare to worship today, take a moment to notice those gathering around you. There may be people you have known for many years, others you've known only a short time, and maybe some you have never met before. The assembly you see has been gathered together by the Holy Spirit on this day to share with one another the grace of God made known in Jesus Christ. These voices will share the word of God in readings, prayer, and song. These hands will give and receive signs of peace and bread and wine at the table.

In today's gospel we find another group of people gathering. John the Baptist has drawn them into the wilderness offering baptism with water. Amidst this assembly, Jesus Christ appears. He is baptized among them and receives divine affirmation: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). From this assembly, Jesus goes forth to begin a ministry that will be marked by sharing with others the affirmation he received. The poor, the unloved, and the brokenhearted—they too are God's children, God's beloved, with whom God is well pleased.

Today, this affirmation is given to you and those around you to be rehearsed in this baptismal community. As worship ends, you, too, will be sent to share it with others. Throughout the coming week, in homes and workplaces, through service and prayer, during encounters with friends and strangers, the voices and hands of this assembly will continue the liturgy begun here out in the communities to which it disperses. In doing so, it will witness to one who is more powerful than any one of us: Jesus Christ. His love is present through the various gifts and callings we ourselves received in the waters of baptism. Thanks be to God!