

# Baptism of Our Lord

Service of the Word  
Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021

**PRELUDE** To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (BWV 684) | Johann Sebastian Bach

## Gathering

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #305 When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

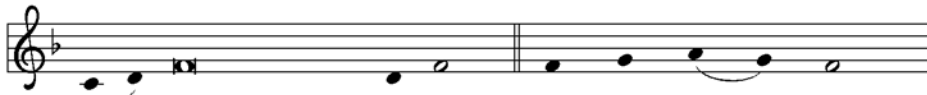
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



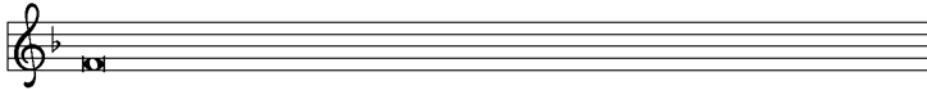
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



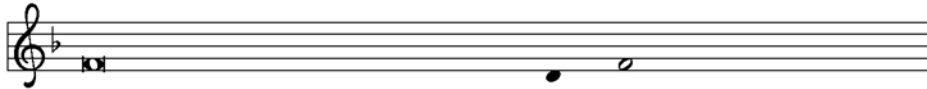
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



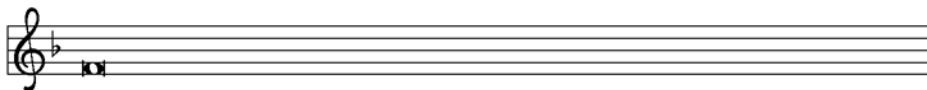
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



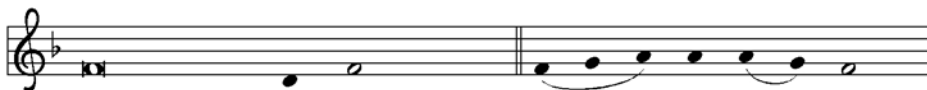
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



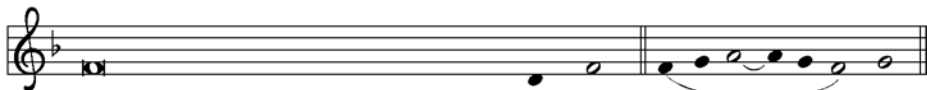
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

## GLORIA

Assisting minister




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

All



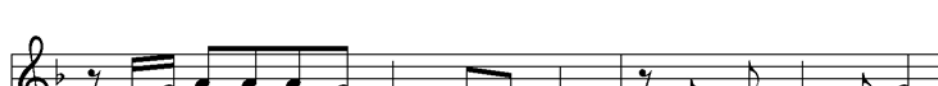
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



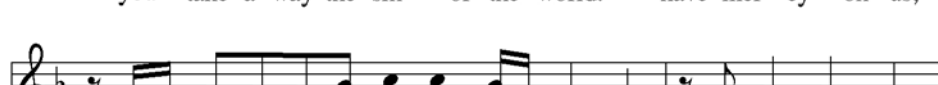
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Word

## **FIRST READING** *Genesis 1:1-5*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 29**

*The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of psalm verses, beginning with the cantor.*



Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**

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

The voice | of the Lord  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

The 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!"

**The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

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

## **SECOND READING** *Acts 19:1-7*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord

Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL** *Mark 1:4-11*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #79** To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (*Lutheran Book of Worship*)

1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do his Fa - ther's  
2 Oh, hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God him - self has  
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and  
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -

plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word Was  
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell And  
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down, Which  
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove Up -

giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n-ly wash-ing now shall be  
 so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with his Word en - dows  
 we do well to pon - der: "This man is my be - lov - ed Son,  
 on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as - sur - ing us,

A cleans-ing from trans-gres - sion And, by his blood and ag - o - ny,  
 Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing. God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows  
 In whom my heart has plea - sure. Him you must hear, and him a - lone,  
 With prom - is - es com - pel - ling, That in our bap - tism he will thus

Re - lease from death's op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 Our kin - ship, while be - stow - ing The bap - tism of his bless - ing.  
 And trust in full - est mea - sure The word that he has spo - ken."  
 A - mong us find a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To his disciples spoke the Lord,  
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,  
 And bring to them the living Word  
 And this my invitation:  
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
 And come in true contrition  
 To be baptized, and thereby win  
 Full pardon and remission,  
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
 This grace so freely given;  
 They shall in sin and shame abide  
 And to despair be driven.  
 For born in sin, their works must fail,  
 Their striving saves them never;  
 Their pious acts do not avail,  
 And they are lost forever,  
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
 Is water as we pour it.  
 Before the eye of faith unfolds  
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
 For here it sees the crimson flood  
 To all our ills bring healing;  
 The wonders of his precious blood  
 The love of God revealing,  
 Assuring his own pardon.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Spoken by all.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

## **Sending**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #304** Christ, When for Us Your Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** When Jesus Came to Jordan | Ennis Fruhauf

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