



The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 12, 2025
10:45 am

Welcome

First Opening Song

Here I am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me!

Second Opening Song

Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
breathe new life in to my willing soul.
Let the Presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Cause Your word to come alive in me
And give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
breathe new life in to my willing soul.
Let the Presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Kindness to the greatest the lease
and gentleness sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings in to works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
breathe new life in to my willing soul.
Let the Presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
and lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me!

Opening Acclamation

Clergy Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

People There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us:
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7

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.
When 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.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
whom I formed and made."

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because 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.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I 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—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his
Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar
trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the
wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees
writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King
forevermore.

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing
of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8: 14-17

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

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Every Promise

**From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of your Word.**

**In this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand.
As I stand on every promise of your Word.**

**Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of your Word.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John 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. His 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."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and 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."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Let us once again join each other in renewing our baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Candidates

A Person appointed leads the following petitions.

Leader As we continue to pray for the many needs of others, in our hearts and in the world, let us remember also all those on our prayer list. We renew this morning our own baptismal mission to be present to all others as Jesus has taught:

Leader Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Clergy Let the Christ in me, see the Christ in you.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

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The Great Thanksgiving

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Dubay Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
 God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.**

**Lord we sing your praise.
 Hosana in the highest.
 Hosana in the highest.
 Hosana in the highest.
 Lord we sing your praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
 God of power and might.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord.**

**Hosana in the highest.
 Hosana in the highest.
 Hosana in the highest.
 Lord we sing your praise.
 Lord we sing your praise.
 Lord we sing your praise.**

The people stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. James' and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Communion

The sacrament is given to the people.

Music at Communion

*Spirit of the Living God
Holy Spirit Rain Down*

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song

I Am

There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace
Take me in with Your arms spread wide
Take me in like an orphan child
Never let go never leave my side

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on (I am)
Love like this O my God to find
I am overwhelmed with a joy divine
Love like this sets our hearts on fire

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on (I am)
I am holding onto You

I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on (I am)

This is my resurrection song
This is my hallelujah come
This is why it's to You I run
There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on (I am)
I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm
I am holding on, I am!

The Dismissal is given by the Clergy, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

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- Lector
- Intercessor
- Eucharistic Minister
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