

The Baptism of Our Lord

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Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *The Creation of the World* Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gradual Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle *Dead to Sin, Alive to God* Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Verse of the Day (*stand*) Mark 1:11b

Alleluia. Alleluia. You are my be- | loved Son;*

with you I am | well pleased. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *John the Baptist Prepares the Way* Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And

when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*sit*)

Hymn of the Day "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" LSB 594, *soloist sts. 1, 3*

Sermon "Because He Rose, We Rise" Romans 6:1-11

Nicene Creed (*stand*) p. 191

Offering (*sit*)

Offertory (*stand*) p. 192

Prayer of the Church *congregation responds "Hear our prayer"*

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Distribution (*sit*) "Father Welcomes" LSB 605, *congregation sings refrain only*

Refrain

All **Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

Solo Little children, come to me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

Solo In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain*

Solo Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

Nunc Dimittis (*stand*) p. 199

Recessional Hymn "Baptized Into Your Name So Holy" LSB 590