



## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

### Prelude

**Song:** We Bow Down

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER & OFFERING OF CONFESSION

P: We are gathered to worship our God.

**C: Send your Spirit upon us.**

P: We come from many places, with many burdens.

**C: Send your Spirit upon us.**

P: We turn our hearts to you, O God.

**C: Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved family. Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: You call us to come alive in the grace we are given in Jesus, and yet too often we choose to use our freedom for the sake of satisfying our own destruction or the destruction of others. Heal us Lord, grant us this day a new birth to live into the Spirit you give us.**

GIFT OF ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God in His mercy gave Jesus to us all, to be crucified on our behalf, that all who die in Him would die to sin and rise in Him. In Jesus we find our true freedom to live to the image of God that we have been granted. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to be alive in the forgiveness of our sins, in the name of God, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## COLLECT

P: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us, who are born of water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you!**

P: We greet one another in the peace of the Lord.

*You are welcome to greet each other as forgiven brothers and sisters in Jesus, in your homes and in our chat, or send a text to someone you know sharing the peace of Jesus is for them.*

## READINGS

A Reading from Genesis 1:1–5

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Romans 6:1–11

6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: The Holy Gospel according St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Song:** This Dust

#### SERMON

P: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Hymn:** To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

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#### PRAYERS

A: Lord in Your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: In deepest gratitude, we pray,

**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.**

#### BENEDICTION

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn:** Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

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