

Baptism of the LORD

JANUARY 8, 2012



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Jesus' ministry was inaugurated in his baptism. On this Sunday, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism, but our own as well, for our baptism joins us to Christ and his church.

Symbols of baptism include: water, seashell, pebbles, dove, goose.

The Baptism of the Lord is a festival Sunday. The color of festival Sundays is white.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 8, 2012

8:45 a.m.



Prayer for the Gathering: The Lord Is My Light Taizé



The Lord is my light; my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The
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Greeting:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you..

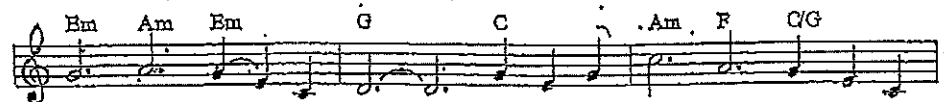
Call to Worship:

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

*Hymn #492 Baptized in Water Buinessan



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing the
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spir - it, We are God's



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon remind us that in the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in the new life of his resurrection.

***Confession of Sin**

Leader: Let us confess our sin before God.

People: Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Response: Jesus, Christ, Son of God Iona

(cantor)



Je - sus Christ, Son of God, have mer - cy up - on us.

(all)



Je - sus Christ, Son of God, have mer - cy up - on us.

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***Assurance of Pardon** (*Water is poured into the font.*)

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus you are forgiven. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination:

Leader: Let us pray:

People: O Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your word. May your word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. **Amen.**

We stand for the reading of the gospel to show that we are ready to listen and act upon its' message.

***The Gospel Lesson:**

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to You, O Christ.

The Sermon

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Dr. Pender

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Scripture Sentences

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many members; and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body; Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Profession of Faith

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I do.

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

People: 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, dead, 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 God the Father, and he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: 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. Amen.

To renounce evil means that it has no power over us because we belong to God.

The answers to these questions are from the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed is the traditional baptismal creed of the church.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Leader: We give you thanks... To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Response: You Have Put on Christ
The congregation will join at the invitation of the cantor.



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Passing of the Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayers of the People

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

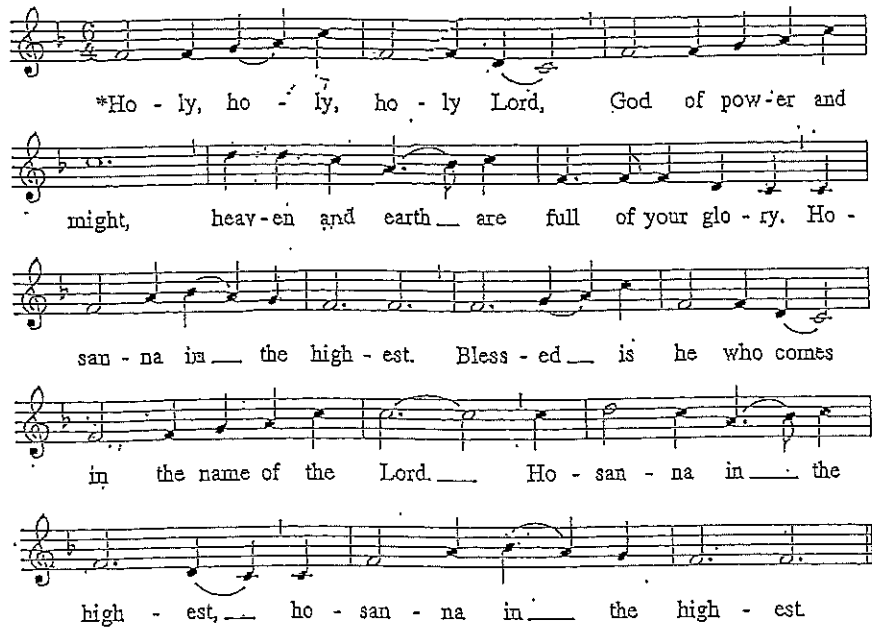
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Prayer is
Trinitarian in form-
Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus



*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est

Memorial Acclamation:

You are holy...Great is the mystery of faith:



*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Great Amen:

*Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours almighty God now and
forever*



*A - men, a - men, a - men.

Leader: And now let us join our voices in praying the prayer
which our Lord taught us to pray:

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Music at Communion:
At the River

Aaron Copland

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #315 Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit Spiritual

*Charge and Blessing

*Giving of Alms as Service

*Alms, tithes, and
offerings may be placed
in the baskets at the
Chapel doors.*