

Baptism of Our Lord



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10:30 a.m.

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

- Isaiah 40:3b-5a (NRSV)

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed...

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Opening Hymn

“We Three Kings”

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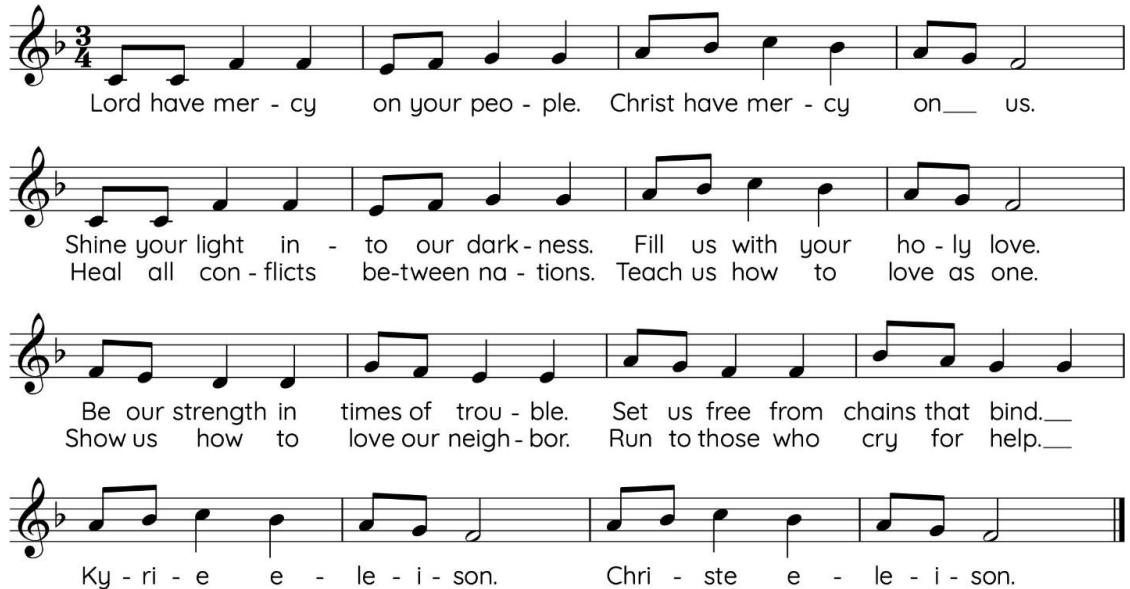
*The Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie

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Lord have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on__ us.

Shine your light in - to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.
Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to love as one.

Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.__
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.__

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*The Hymn of Praise “Advent/Christmas Glory to God”

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Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed

joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.

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*The Prayer of the Day

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.

The First Reading

-Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

-Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty 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 powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars 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 wilderness 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 above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

The Hymn

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

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The Second Reading

-Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul 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." ⁵On hearing

this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel

-Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. 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 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Children’s Message

The Sermon

“Gods already been there”

The Hymn *“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”* LBW #84

*The Nicene Creed

*The Prayers

*The Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: Amen.

Trusting the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **C: Amen.**

*The Sharing of Peace

The Offering *“Your blessings are immeasurable”*
(Words David Eck. Tune on Jordan’s Bank)

Three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Your bless - ings are im - mea - sura - ble. Our homes are warm, our
praise you, God, for love, for life, for sav - ing us from
bel - lies full. We of - fer now our - selves to you. God,
dark - est night. Now send us forth so we may tell the
use good us an of - y way you choose. We
good news of E - man - u - el.

*The Lord’s Prayer

*The Blessing

God bless you and keep you, Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit
send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*The Sending

Go in peace, share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Sending Hymn *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

LBW #82

*The Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

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