

The Baptism of our Lord

Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Renewal of Baptismal Vows

January 16, 2022 | 9:30_{AM}

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, on which we remember Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaimed "You are my Son, the Beloved; in you, I am well-pleased." Traditionally, this feast is celebrated the Sunday after the Epiphany. However, Epiphany often falls during the week and is also celebrated on the same Sunday. Some churches combine both feasts, as they are both "epiphanies" - both "showing forths" of who Jesus really is and who we really are. However, at Redeemer we remember the Baptism of the Lord one Sunday later in order to have time to celebrate and reflect on Jesus' baptism and our own baptisms. We remember today that in baptism we are made one with Jesus, the Beloved and we ask what this means in our day to day lives.

Today's Altar flowers are given in memory of Mary Nokes

Those at home may wish to have candles ready to light and a cross to place in your home worship area. We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

You are invited into a quiet worshipful space during the prelude.

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Arr. Hughes, J.S. Bach

Welcome

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Opening Acclamation

Presider Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God 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*.

THE READINGS

Please be seated.

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

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, 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, whom I formed and made." *Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Reader Please join me in praying together **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading Acts 8:14-17

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.

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People Glory to you, O 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Presider Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are incorporated into God's mighty acts of

salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our promises and vows, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing

for us, and affirm our commitment to serve God faithfully.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of Satan and all the spiritual forces of evil

which rebel against God and corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

People I do.

Presider Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

Presider Will you cherish the wondrous works of God and protect the beauty and integrity

of all creation?

People I will with God's help.

Blessing of the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who in this water are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Using your bowl of water at home, you are invited to touch the water and bless yourself as a reminder of your baptism.

Presider God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of Baptism. May we be united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Please be seated.

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be. Your financial offering can be shared online at our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2

Yes, God is Real

arr. H.C Boyer/ Kenneth Morris

There are some things

I may not know

There are some places

I can't go

But I'm sure

Of this one thing

That God is real

For I can feel

Him deep within

Yes, God is real

Real in my soul

Yes, God is real

For He has washed

And made me whole

His love for me

Is like pure gold

Yes, God is real

For I can feel

Him in my soul

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

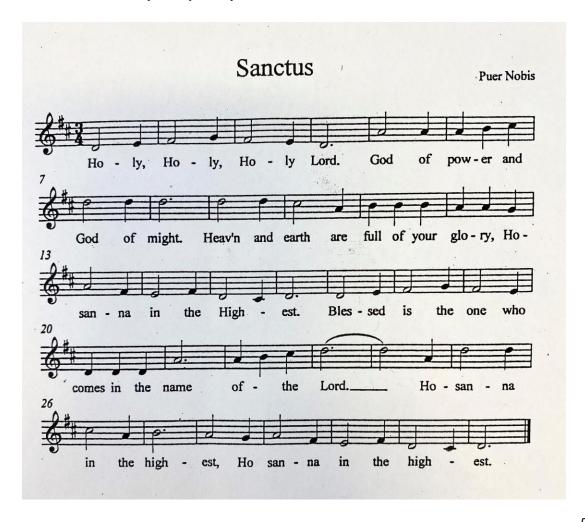
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord [Puer nobis nascitur]



The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

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Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Communion

All who desire to share in Communion are encouraged to do so. Please wear your mask and step at least 6 feet away from the clergy before removing your mask to consume the Host. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you step forward.

If you are worshipping at home and not able to come to church for Communion, you are invited to pray this prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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Please stand in body or in spirit.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

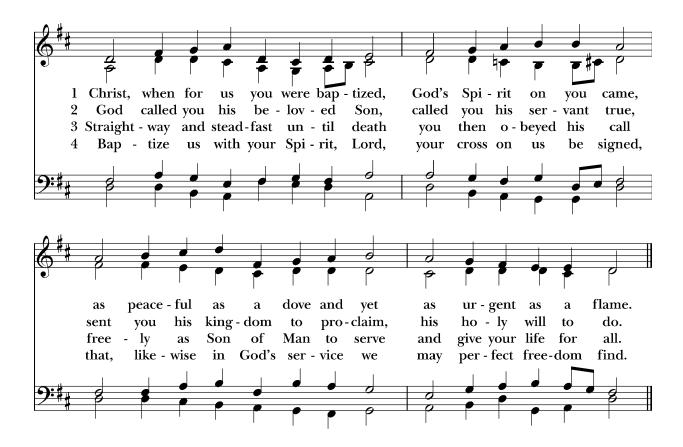
May Christ be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn Christ, when for us you were baptized Please stand in body or in spirit.

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude Allegretto Carlton Mabee

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