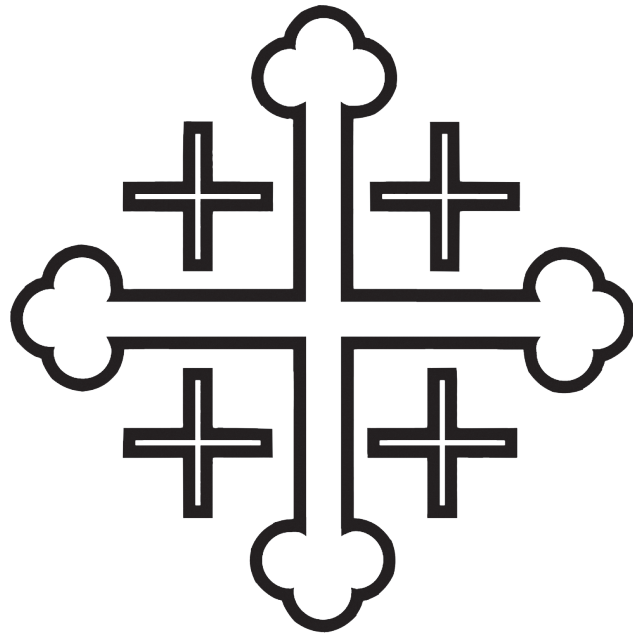


# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



The Holy Eucharist  
*with* Holy Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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### **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Today we remember the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. The Christmas season, which celebrates the revelation of God through Christ, reaches its fulfillment with today's commemoration. The baptism of Christ is described in all four Gospels, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. It is a day in which we also remember and celebrate our own baptism, as we welcome the newly-baptized and renew and reaffirm our own baptismal promises.



*The people's responses are in bold.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### CARILLON PRELUDE

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

*Caithness*; arr. R. Don Cook

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### INTROIT

*Sicut cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

*Sung in Latin.* Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. (*Psalms 42: 1*)

*The people stand.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 120

*The sinless one to Jordan came*

*Solemnis haec festivitas*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Father 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 people are seated.*

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Chant: Percy Buck (1871-1947)

*The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.*

The voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his 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;  
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

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.  
 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 for evermore.  
 The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*All repeat the antiphon.*

THE SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He 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." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul 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." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The people stand.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 121

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

*Caithness*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

*The people remain seated during the presentation of the baptismal candidate.*

## THE HOLY BAPTISM & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The candidate, Graham Ripley Cole, is presented. The presider questions the candidate's sponsors about the desire and readiness to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

*After the candidate has been presented and the sponsors have been examined, the presider invites the people to stand.*

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with him who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal vows.

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*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* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

#### THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*Intercessor* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The ministers move to the font at the mid nave.*

#### THE THANKSGIVING OVER 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.**

*The presider prays over the water. The people affirm the prayer with, Amen.*

#### THE BAPTISM

*The candidate is baptized. The people affirm the baptism, sealing with chrism, and presentation of a candle with Amen.*

*Presider* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

#### THE ASPERGES

*The people remain standing as the ministers sprinkle them with blessed water.*



## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

*When Jesus came to Jordan*

*King's Lynn*



1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ve - ry day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 & BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

*The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

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:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

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 blessed Peter and Paul, our patrons, and 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.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*The people are seated.*

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

*During the administration of Holy Communion the laying on of hands and prayers for healing is offered in St. John's Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp to the right of the pulpit.*

## ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

*O taste and see*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him. (*Psalm 34:8*)

*The people stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

## THE BLESSING

*The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN • 119

*As with gladness men of old*

*Dix*

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in G major, BWV 541*

J. S. Bach



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