

**The Baptism of our Lord
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Stand

Common Versicles

- P O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.** *Psalm 51:15*
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.** *Psalm 70:1*
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

Psalmody

Psalm – Psalm 85:1-13 (antiphon v.9)

- P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
C **Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**
- P You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.
C **You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.**
- P Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!
C **Will you be angry with us forever?**
- P Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
C **Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**
- P Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
C **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**
- P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
C **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- P Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
C **Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**
- P Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
C **Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

Sit

READINGS

First Reading – Isaiah 42:1-7

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged^[a] till he has established

justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you^[b] in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

P O Lord, Have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading – Romans 6:1-11

⁶ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self^[a] was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free^[b] from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P O Lord, Have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son,^[a] with you I am well pleased.”

P O Lord, Have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

Responsory for the Baptism of our Lord

P Praise the Lord, all nations!

C **Extol him, all peoples!**

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

P Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Sermon – “Baptismal Revelation” by Rev. David H. Reber, Jr.

Canticle

Stand

Canticle – “To Jordan came the Christ, Our Lord” – LSB #407



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

- 5 To His disciples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:
Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission
And heav'nly bliss inherit."
- 6 But woe to those who cast aside This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail, Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail, And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.
- 7 All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

PRAYER

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTS

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Psalms 102:1

Collect of the Day

P O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Baptism of our Lord

P Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C Amen.

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

C Amen.