

Ante Communion Service: January 9, 2022 Epiphany 1C

Baptism of our Lord

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Hymn **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Acapeldridge

*1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*3 Let every kindred, every tribe On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

*4 O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and praise Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song And praise Him Lord of all!*

Celebrant Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all creation. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A moment of silence for self-reflection

Celebrant Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not loved all Creation with the love of the Creator. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

People **And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have**

mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray together: **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.**

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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Glory to you, Lord

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Christ.

Praise to you, Lord

Sermon

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Acapeldridge

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Affirmation of Baptismal Vows

This day when we remember the baptism of Jesus, I invite you to reaffirm your own vows with me:

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with**

God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will,**

with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with**

God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with**

God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will,**

with God's help.

Let us pray: **We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Celebrant With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For this community, the nation, and the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the peace and unity of the world; **That a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For all who love and trust in God, that divisions may cease;
And that all may be one, as you and the Father are one.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For wisdom in this time of pandemic; **That our actions may protect the health of ourselves and others.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
ever.

And praise your Name for ever and

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

eternally.

May they rest in your peace

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray together:

**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.

We pray together for Christ's presence:

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the bread
and wine.**

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I
embrace you**

and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Celebrant: While we long to receive the sacrament of Christ's Body,

People: **We become the sacrament of Christ's Body.**

Celebrant: Let your lives be manna to feed our hunger for communion.

People: **The love we share becomes bread for the world.**

Blessing May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the
world;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be in you, and among
you,

and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Acapeldridge

*1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!*

*2 Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]*

*3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]*

*4 I'm so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. [Refrain]*

Dismissal Go in peace and hope and joy to love and serve God's creation. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You [Lutkin]

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen....*