

Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

Theme: John the Baptist prepared those in the wilderness for Jesus' coming. Once baptized, people would need to decide... were they ready for change or resistant to it?

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Joined to Jesus in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We remember today how through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family and how through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. We remember how at the river Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Today we recall how you claimed us as your daughters and sons, and we praise you for the gift of water that sustains life! Above all, we praise you for the gift of new life found in following Jesus. As we sip this water, and as we use water throughout this day, we ask that you shower us once again with your Spirit! **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Chorus: Come now is the time to worship. Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come

Verse 1: One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now *Chorus*

Verse 2: Willingly we choose to surrender our lives willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength we gladly choose You now *Chorus*

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **God of truth, through John you challenged your people to repent. Move us also to put aside the things that get in the way of truly serving you, for the sake of Jesus our savior. Amen**

FIRST READING:

Psalm 51: 6-17

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

GOSPEL:

Luke 3:1-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Righteous God, **Hear our prayer**

You hear your children's prayers and respond in ways which serve our highest good. Gather us in your arms and keep us in the love of Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Mothering God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Wade in the Water

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Refrain: **Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

Leader: See that host all dressed in white, All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

Leader: the leader looks like the Israelite. All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

Leader: See that band all dressed in red, All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

Leader: looks like the band that Moses led. All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

Leader: Look over yonder, what do I see? All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

Leader: the Holy Ghost a-coming on me. All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

Leader: If you don't believe I've been redeemed, All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

Leader: just follow me down to Jordan's stream. All: **God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE