

HYMN SHEET FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

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 every heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise the Son eternally,
Whose advent sets his people free;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest for evermore.

Text: Jordanis oras praevia; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876

PSALM

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present
in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things,
And I desire to receive You into my life.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart and soul.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)



COMMUNION HYMN

*Bread of life, truth eternal,
Broken now to set us free.
The risen Christ, his saving power,
Is here in Bread and Wine for me.*

Lord, I know I am not worthy to receive you.
You speak the words and I am healed.
Here at your table, Love's mystery:
One bread, one cup, one family.

Lord by your cross, you reconciled us to the Father.
We have only to believe.
Your sacrifice, our victory,
Now by your blood we are redeemed.

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert,
Still you fulfil our every need.
Lord when we hunger, Lord, when we thirst,
We come to you and we receive

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

H.W. Baker (1821-77)