



# Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Congregation: Amen.***

*L: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another. (silence for reflection)*  
*Most merciful God,*

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

*L: Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **C: Amen.***

## *Gathering Song – Blessed Be Your Name (lyrics will display on screen)*

1. Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

*Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

2. Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me.  
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering.  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name. *Refrain*

*Bridge:* You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

*Refrain, end with Bridge.*

*Prayer of the Day*—**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Scripture Readings*

Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 585

But now 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>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— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 29 p. 438

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.  
**<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**  
<sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
**<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**  
<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
**<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**  
<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
**<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**  
<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.  
**<sup>11</sup>May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Acts 8:14-17 p. 892

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 p. 834

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Message and Sermon*

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*Song of the Day – Open My Eyes of My Heart*

*Refrain:* Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You (2x)

*Verse:* To see You high and lifted up shinin' in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

*Repeat Refrain (2x) and Verse (2x)*

*Ending:* Holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy... holy, holy, holy, I want to see you. (repeat)

*Apostle's 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 God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Offering*

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*Offering Song – How Great is Our God*

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*Refrain:* How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great is our God

2. Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead, three-in-one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb. *Refrain.*
3. Name above all names, you are worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, how great is our God.  
Name above all names, You are worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, how great is our God. *Refrain x2.*

***Offering Prayer* – Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

*Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

We eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Travel Blessing for Eric Peterson*

*Announcements*

- Christmas "Undecorating" after worship today! Lend a hand, it won't take long 😊
- If you signed up for a beef share, the meat is ready (and thank you!). If you haven't paid, please do so
- The Christmas season has ended so please take a poinsettia home, from the altar or anywhere else in the church! They need to be kept inside a coat on the way to a warm car – these are TROPICAL and freeze easily. An info sheet on how to keep yours healthy is available near the office.

*Blessing and Dismissal*

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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