

*Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.*

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**What
God
Does in
Baptism.**

Matthew
3:15-17

Hymn of Invocation. **Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering 600**
+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

INTROIT PSALM 2

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights. I
will tell of | the decree:* The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- |
gotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,* and the ends
of the earth your pos- | session. You shall break them with a | rod of iron* and
dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel." Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth. Serve the | LORD with fear,* and rejoice with |
trembling, for his wrath is quickly | kindled.* Blessed are all who take ref- | uge in
him. Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the
be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Behold my servant, whom | I
uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

***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.***

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of
holiness.** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the
LORD, over many waters. **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD
is full of majesty.** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the
cedars of Lebanon. **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young
wild ox.** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. **The voice of the LORD
shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** The voice of
the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry,
"Glory!" **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king
forever.** May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with
peace! **Glory 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.** The voice of the LORD is powerful.

APPOINTED READINGS 8 JANUARY 2023

Old Testament/Isaiah 42:1–9. Epistle/Romans 6:1–11 Gospel/Matthew 3:13–17
The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism

- The Baptism of our Lord is an "epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God's people to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given "as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations." (Is. 42:6).
- In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to "fulfill all righteousness" for us (Matt.3)
- He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that "we will also live with him." Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters. (Rom. 6:8).

CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH; THE APOSTLES' CREED

Jesus answered him, "This is the way it has to be now. This is the proper way to do everything that God requires of us." Then John gave in to him. After Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up from the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down as a dove to him. Then a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love—my Son with whom I am pleased."

In His Baptism, Jesus reveals how He will deliver God's righteousness and salvation by standing with us sinners as our substitute, showing us thereby the holy and life-giving Trinity.

1. In His Baptism, Jesus delivers God's righteousness and salvation
 1. By standing with us poor sinners
 2. By serving as our substitute
2. In His Baptism, Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit
 1. Washing of rebirth, abundantly pours out the Spirit
 2. Body/Temple of the Spirit; all His fruits and gifts
3. In His Baptism, Jesus gives us the Father's blessing
 1. God sees His children and adopts them in love
 2. The Father's blessing gives confidence and courage

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. BAPTISM OF OUR LORD. 8 JANUARY 2023

Heavenly Father, Your Son fulfilled all righteousness and submitted to Baptism with sinners in the Jordan. Well-pleased, You opened the heavens for us and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. As You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection by Holy Baptism and given us Your Spirit, strengthen our hearts and open our ears to hear Your Holy Word and rejoice that You have made us Your beloved children in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as You have opened heaven to Your Church through Holy Baptism, give her faithful teachers to proclaim Your Son, Jesus Christ, and all that accords with godliness, that many would repent of their sins and join Him in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give You thanks for the gift of family. Bless all parents, especially mothers, that they would joyfully acknowledge Your gifts of spouse, children and home. Be near to the elderly, the widowed and the orphaned. Show forth Your grace to them, that they would not feel alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your Son, Jesus, is the Christ and the true King of this world. Grant great humility to the rulers of the nations, [*especially _____*], that they would submit to the preaching of His Holy Word for the sake of their own souls and for the good of Your holy people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, have compassion on Your creation. Deliver from danger all who are threatened by natural disaster, dangerous weather, pestilence, flood or famine. Provide all that is needed for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, You sent Your Son as the Servant who would preserve the bruised reed and the faintly burning wick. Hear us on behalf of those in need of healing and deliverance [*including _____*].

Provide healing, restoration and justice according to Your good and gracious will, and grant that we would always rejoice in Your Son's everlasting faithfulness toward us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, in Baptism we were buried with Christ into death and raised with Him to walk in newness of life. As we partake of Holy Communion today, give us repentant hearts to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that Your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ and live as those who have died and risen with Him in Holy Baptism; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**