

Readings, Prayers, Psalms and Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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**The Baptism of
Jesus Christ
The Messiah**

Hymn of Invocation **From East to West** 385

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 begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,* and the ends of the earth your possession. 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 refuge in him. **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.

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.

APPOINTED READINGS 7 JANUARY 2024

Genesis 1:1–5

Romans 6:1–11

Mark 1:4–11

In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image

- “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). Then, as “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: “Let there be light,” and there was light” (Gen. 1:3).
- In the same way, “the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ” (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,” Jesus also came “and was baptized by John in the Jordan” (Mark 1:4, 9).
- Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are “united with him in a death like his” (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto “newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

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 over the waters.

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Hymn of the Day **To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord** 407

SERMON NOTES

+ The Baptism of our Lord +
7 January 2024 ***Holy Spirit Resolutions*** Mark 1:9-11

And it happened that in those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And immediately as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being split apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

In the Baptism of our Lord Jesus we not only see the Sinless One taking on Himself our sins but also the empowering Spirit and the Father's blessing freely given to us in Christ.

- 1. In Jesus' Baptism, the Sinless One takes on our sin**
 1. He bore the sin of many, as Isaiah foretold
 2. A death/resurrection like His sets us free from sin
- 2. In Jesus' Baptism, the empowering Spirit descends**
 1. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; Isaiah 61
 2. The touch/anointing of the Spirit gives new life
- 3. In Jesus' Baptism, the Father's blessing received**
 1. Jesus serves under a heaven splitting open
 2. We serve under our Father's blessing of kindness

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 7 JANUARY 2024

Heavenly Father, You revealed Your Son in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless all places where Your people teach and learn. Guide teachers and students, that together we would marvel at Your creation and appreciate the depth of Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, grant that all those baptized into Christ would receive the boldness of Your servant John to lead faithful and pure lives in this world, ever mindful of our promised heavenly inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, 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.**

Give comfort and relief to those who are sick, depressed, tired, confused or in any need *[especially _____].* Watch over all expectant mothers and their children, *[especially _____,]* that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, in Holy Baptism You have opened the heavens to Your children. Grant that all those baptized into Your Son would worthily receive the heavenly feast of His body and blood for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, You have made us Your own people by Baptism and granted us Your Holy Spirit to confess Christ in word and deed. We remember with thanksgiving those who went before us, who passed the faith on to us and who now rest in Christ from all their labors. Since we have died with Christ through Baptism, grant that we would be raised with Him also. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, as Your Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the deep, You uttered Your Word and the world was created. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You have spoken our names and declared us righteous. You have drawn us to Jesus, the light of life, and saved us. Let His light now shine through us, that others may see our good works and give glory to You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**