

The Baptism of the Lord

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A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

Prelude: The Baptism of Christ

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Welcome

Opening Hymn #3 *Morning Has Broken*

1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The night is far spent, and the day is at hand:

All: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Christ Be Our Light

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Reading: Acts 19:1-7

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit

descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

Gradual Hymn #45 *Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways* (vs. 1, 2)

1 Down Galilee’s slow roadways, a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters with soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grace.

2 Arising from the river, he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky was open to show the Spirit’s form.
The holy dove descended; he heard a glorious voice:
“You are my own beloved—my child, my heart, my choice.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark (1:4-11).

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn #45 *Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways* (vs. 3)

3 We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard:
“You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.”

Sermon

Rev. Canon Susan Oliver

Special Music: *Beautiful Saviour*

The Apostle’s Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Dear friends in Christ, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God’s infinite goodness and mercy.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with

our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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 and 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, forever, Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. And may the love of God, the Light of Christ, and the power and communion of that Spirit be with us all. Go in peace. **Amen**

Closing Hymn #408 *Wind upon the Waters*

1 Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.

2 Showers from the heaven, water from the earth,
gift so wholly given, source of every birth,
joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

3 Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand,
Prairie, field, and meadow shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.

4 Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night,
burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.

5 Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

Postlude

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.

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