



The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: #635 Like The Murmur of a Dove's Song

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,
to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#376 *Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant: Eternal God 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.**

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader: But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

**All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

Reader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**All: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

Reader: For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

**All: I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.**

Reader: Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,

**All: I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.**

All: Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,

All: and from the west I will gather you;

Reader: I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;

**All: bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—**

Reader: everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

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

Gradual Hymn: #647 Spirit of the Living God (vs. 2)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me-- Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (3:15-17 and 21-22).

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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 Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Sermon

Rev. Martin Garber-Conrad

Special Music

Down to the River to Pray (arr. Hafso)

soloist Jessica Heine

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: As we remember the Baptism of Jesus this morning, let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

We use the refrain: Come Holy Spirit Come

Leader: For the Church: may we recognize our calling as children of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to go out and share God's Good News with others ... in word and in deed.

All: Come Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: For understanding: may we learn from Jesus how to be fully human and place our whole selves in your will.

All: Come, Holy Spirit come.

Leader: For renewal: may the Holy Spirit stir up within us, make us strong in our faith, hopeful for the future, and dynamic in love

All: Come Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: For a deepening of prayer in our lives: may we grow as Jesus in our relationship with God through an ever growing awareness of the Spirit's work in us.

All: Come Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: For the sick: may they hear God's affirmation of love and may they know healing in body, mind and spirit. For their caregivers, their family and community ... give us the gift of patience, wisdom and time. Let us pray especially for those whose names have been offered this day ...

All: Come Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: For healthcare workers and hospitals: may they be protected, preserved and strengthened. With thanksgiving, we ask for their renewal in their daily work and stresses.

All: Come Holy Spirit, come.

The Confession

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: God of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to the light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #45 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

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 soldiers, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

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."

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."

Postlude

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.

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