

# **The First Sunday After Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord**

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# † Call to Worship †

Hymn # 394:1-3,5 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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## Invocation

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Remembering Our Baptism

- P** I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live;  
**C** yet not I but Christ lives in me:  
**P** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,  
**C** Who loved me, and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)
- P** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (Romans 6:3)  
**C** We were therefore buried with Christ through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from death through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)
- P** I ask you anew:  
 Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?  
**C** I do renounce them.
- P** Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?  
**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

**P** Do you intend to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer; to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**C** I do, by the grace of God.

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**C** I do, by the grace of God.

**P** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing us to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, enabling us with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of repentance and faith, we may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn # 590 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O

Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;

A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I

dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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## † Service of the Word †

### Psalms 29

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle: Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205 John 20:31

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff contains the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the beginning of the verse: "These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that". The third staff continues the verse: "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." The fourth staff concludes with the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "*After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*"

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn # 404 "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less  
3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience  
of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan  
Lamb of God! Yet he dared not loose the san - dals  
un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed  
was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed  
His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened  
Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the  
So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion  
Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the  
and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a  
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to  
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's  
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of  
dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,  
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,  
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed  
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,  
"Hear My Son, the One I love."  
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
O - ver us the cross You trace.

## Sermon “O That You Would Come Down and Rend the Heavens” Mark 1:4-11

### Confession of Faith

**P** *What is Baptism?*

**C** Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

**P** *Which is that word of God?*

**C** Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

**P** *What does Baptism give or profit?*

**C** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**P** *Which are these words and promises of God?*

**C** Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

**P** *How can water do such great things?*

**C** Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.

For without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a *bath* of the new birth in the Holy Spirit,

**P** *What does such baptizing with water teach?*

**C** It *teaches* that the Old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and, again, a new man should daily emerge and arise, to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

**P** *Where is this written?*

**C** St. Paul writes, in Romans, chapter six:

“We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

### Prayer of the Church

#### Responses:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

#### Final Petition:

**P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Immanuel, who taught us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

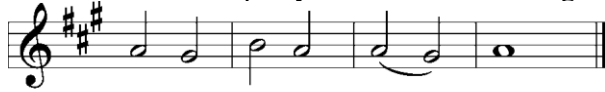
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn # 387 "Joy to the World"



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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background and the Christ Candle on the  
left.

