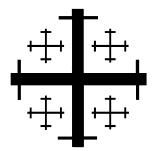
Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord

12 January 2025 9:30 am



The Liturgy at Calvary

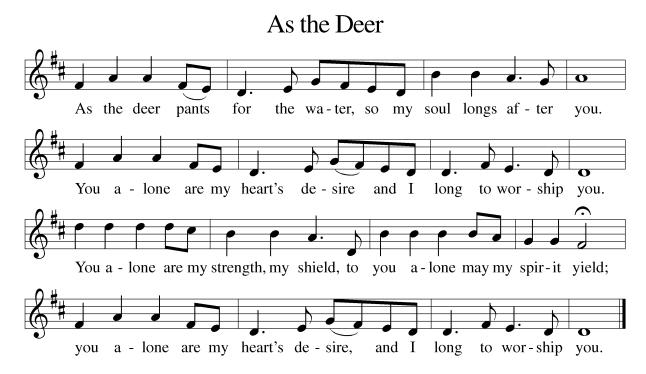


Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes

among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Prelude Lord of All Hopefulness Slane (Irish Folk Tune) Arr. Robert Hobby, b. 1962

Penitential Rite



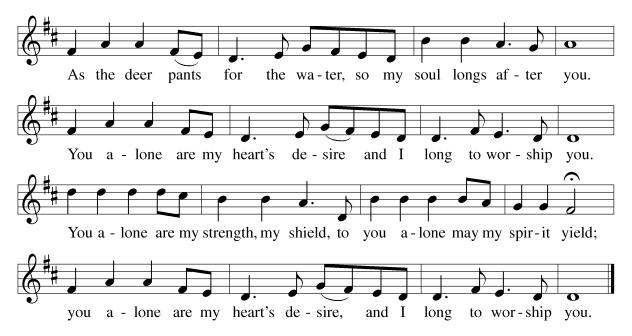
Text: Martin J. Nystrom Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the

dead to the glory of God the Father we too might be given a new life. Remembering the covenant of our baptism let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L Gracious God,
- C Remembering the promise of your love for me in holy baptism, I renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises. Forgive my sin, strengthen my faith in Christ Jesus, and use me as an instrument of your unconditional love.
- L Through the water and the Spirit you have been made children of God. Your sins have been forgiven and you have been given new life. May God continue to strengthen you with the Holy Spirit and daily increase in you the gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in God's presence.



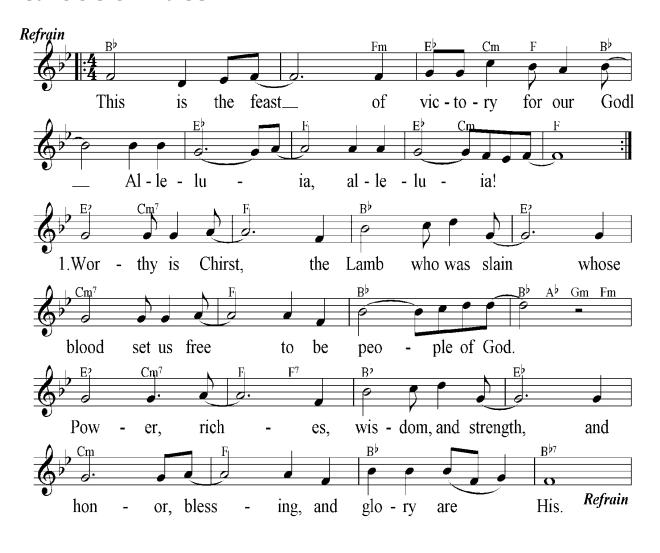
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

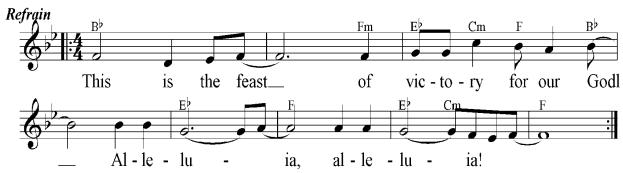
 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [*Greek*, Lord Have Mercy]

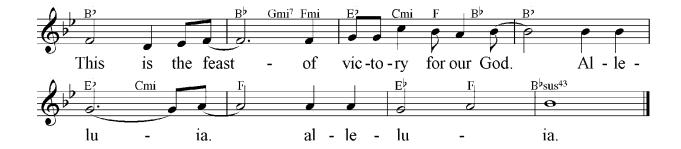


Canticle Of Praise









- P The Lord be with you
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray...

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

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

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

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

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

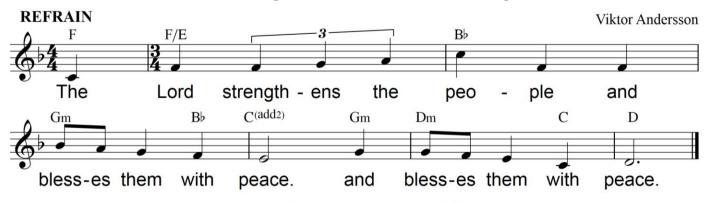
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 29 Cantor/Choir sings refrain; all echo & sing ff. verses



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- 1. Affirm the Lord's glory and strength, all heavenly beings. Praise God's glorious name. Bow down to God's splendor. The Lord's voice is heard on the sea. God's glorious voice thunders over many waters. God's voice echoes glory **REFRAIN.**
- 2. The voice of God breaks the cedars, the Lebanon cedars. God's voice makes mountains leap. Mt. Hermon jumps like a young bull. 4. The voice of God flashes like lightning. God's voice shakes the desert, the oak leaves are stripped, while we cry out Glory, Glory!

 REFRAIN.

Second Reading Acts 8:14-17

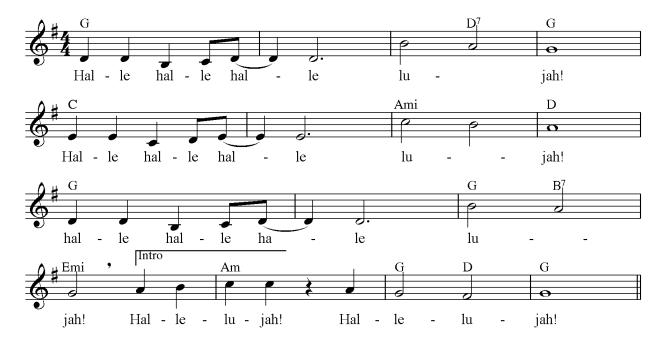
¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might

receive the Holy Spirit¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

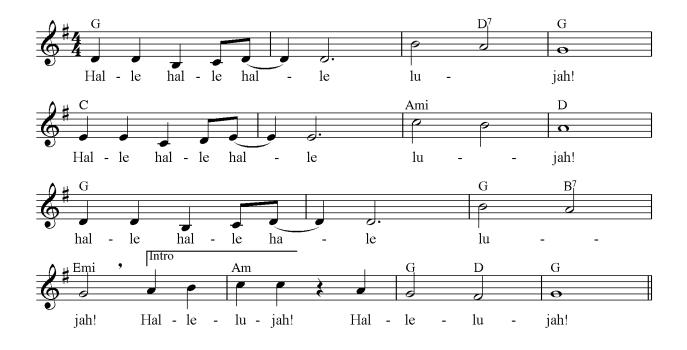
L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Alleluia & Gospel Acclamations



Verse [choir] You are my Son, the Beloved. With you I am well pleased.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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."

P The Gospel of Our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon Intern Rebecca

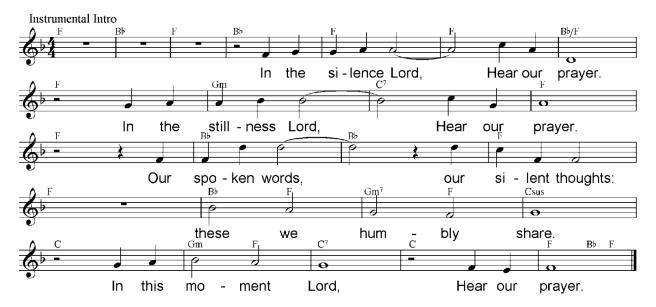
Hymn of the Day



Text and Music © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.



After each petition

- A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.** *Concluding with*
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord **C Amen.**

Reaffirmation Of Baptism

- P Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism as we present ourselves before God this day to affirm our baptism into Christ.
- P Let us pray. Merciful God... We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

- P As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

C In faith I turn to Christ.

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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 into hell. 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.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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
- P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God....
- C Amen.

Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Offertory Rivers of Living Water Karen Marrolli Dakota Sioux melody Lacquiparle Sanctuary Choir Toni Tharp, flute; Karen Moxley, violin; Blake Kitch, drum

There shall be rivers of living water; there shall be streams of spirit light. There shall be rivers of living water that cleanse the soul and give us sight.

There shall be pathways of flowing fountains where rivers seek us to embrace. O let the thirsty come before him and drink the well of healing grace.

O does your soul cry out for oneness, like the deserts seek the rain, like the deer longs for the wellspring?

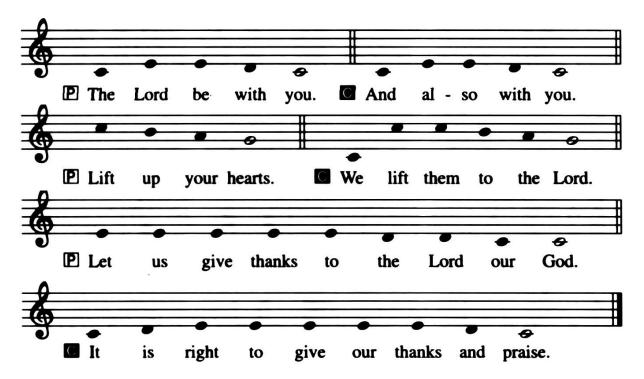
Great spirit, quench us and sustain! There shall be rivers of living water, there shall be streams of healing bliss Praise God for this..





- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

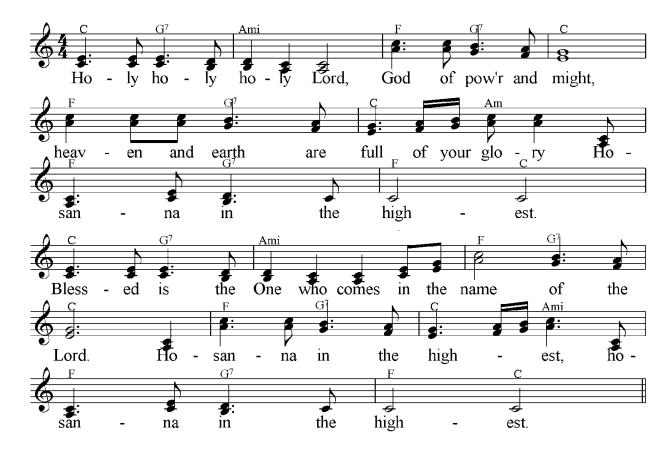


P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]



Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



- **P** Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- 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.
- P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb Of God]





Holy Communion

In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide. Wine is Red Grape Juice is White Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

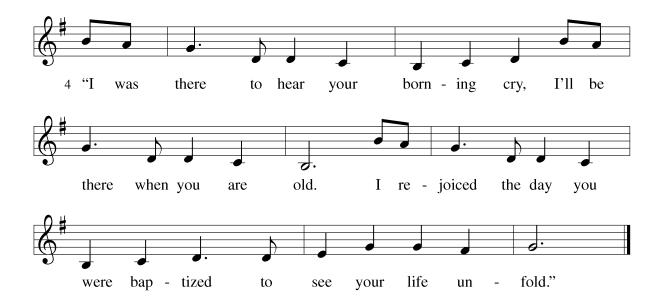
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Baptized and Set Free



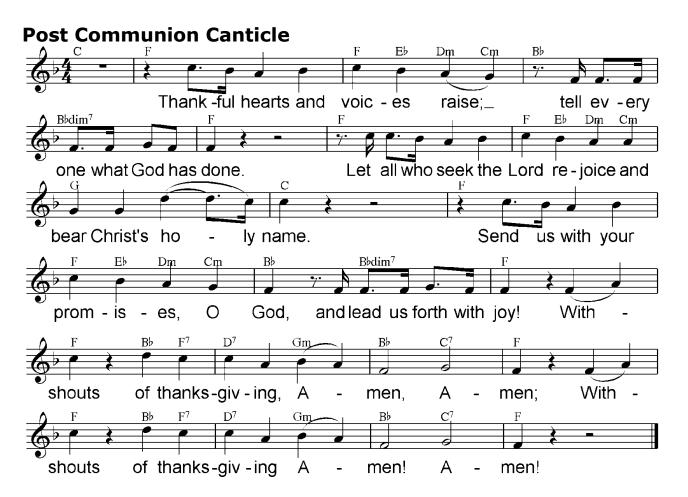
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry





Text: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Music: WATERLIFE, John Ylvisaker, b. 1937

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **C Amen.**



A Let us pray...

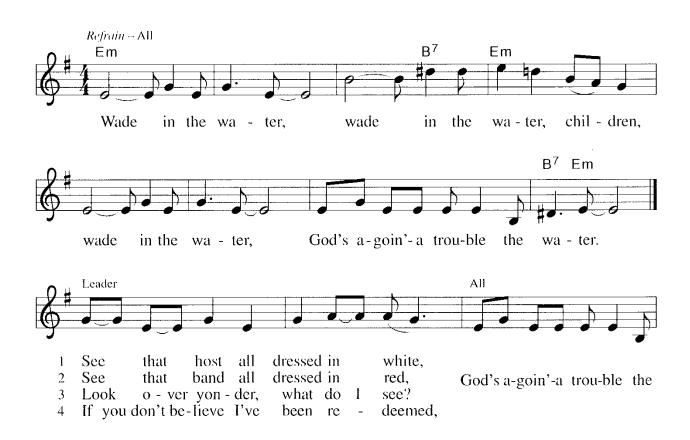
Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

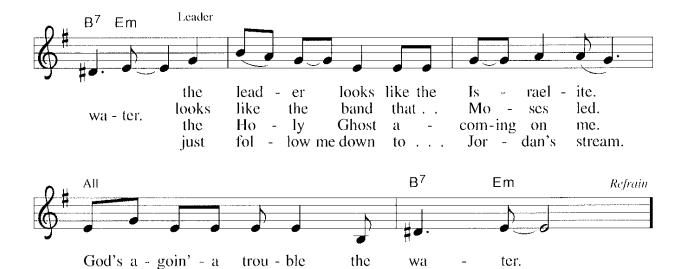
C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C Amen

Recessional





A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Wade In The Water Orchestra

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Commemorations This Week

Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Loehe was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. Loehe's chief concern was that a congregation find its life in the holy communion, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and Ukraine.

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF) Thursday, January 9, 2025

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.