

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 8, 2023 8:45 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Service music for Epiphany

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

Opening Hymn

Down to the River to Pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way

Oh brothers (sisters, fathers, mothers) let's go down Let's go down come on down
Oh brothers let's go down Down in the river to pray

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Glory be to God the Father. Glory be to God the Son – And to the Spirit, the heavenly Dove, the everlasting Three in One. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.” ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

The Psalm: *Psalms 29*

¹*Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

²*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

³*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

⁴*The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

⁵*The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

⁶*he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

⁷*The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

⁸*The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.*

⁹*And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”*

¹⁰*The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.*

¹¹*The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-43*

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Sleep, My Little Jesus
Children's Choir

Elizabeth Niedt

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

People ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Home by Another Way

James Taylor/Timothy Maher

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Baptized in Water (vs. 1, 2)

Michael Saward / Marty Haugen

Verse 1

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Verse 2

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Dismissal

Postlude

Baptized in Water (vs. 3)

Verse 3

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, We are his children, Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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