



Worship with Communion

Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!

♪ **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.

When from there thou ledest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest..

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862. Music: *SALZBURG*, Jakob Hintze, 1678.

Celebrant God's voice speaks to our chaos, echoing in our empty hearts:

People **gathering us together to remember our baptism.**

Celebrant God's voice flows like the living waters of grace:

People **our new name, 'Beloved', resounding in our souls.**

Celebrant God's voice stirs the waters of baptismal hope:

People **calling us to be bearers of peace to a world of broken hopes.**

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.

People **AMEN!**

♪ **Gloria, Gloria**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia alleluia!

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Old Testament

Reader A reading of Genesis chapter 1, verses 1 through 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Unison Reading

Reader Let us read in unison Psalm 29.

All Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon, and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. 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. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" The Lord sits

enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

New Testament

Reader A reading of Acts chapter 19, verses 1 through 7.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 1. 4-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Renewal of Our Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy universal church. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Son?

All 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?

All 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.

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

All 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?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

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

All **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?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All **AMEN!**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All **AMEN!**

Prayers of the People

adapted from prayers by Joe Milner, St Francis Xavier College Church, St Louis

- Reader* Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world. We pray for your Church, O God:
- People* **that we may understand more deeply our humanity and proclaim the dignity of each person that was revealed by Christ becoming human.**
- Reader* We pray for the human family:
- People* **that we may recognize as sisters and brothers all who seek to serve God, and that we may renounce all forms of discrimination and prejudice.**
- Reader* We pray for the renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit:
- People* **that God will stir up the Spirit within us and make us bold in our faith and dynamic in announcing the Good News.**
- Reader* We pray for a deepening of prayer in our lives:
- People* **that, like Jesus, we may grow in our relationship with God through prayer and listening.**
- Reader* We pray for courage:
- People* **that we may be strengthened to bear the challenges that come to us as followers of Jesus and proclaim by our lives the faithfulness of God.**
- Reader* We pray for all who have been baptized in our communities, particularly those during the last year:
- People* **that they may faithfully fulfill their baptismal promises and live as disciples of Jesus.**
- Reader* We pray for all who have responded to God's call to ministry:
- People* **that God will strengthen their service, renew their dedication and bless their work.**
- Reader* We pray for the healing of human blindness to God's impartial love:
- People* **for reconciliation amongst all who call themselves Christians, and for the gifts of unity and peace in the Church.**
- Reader* We pray for students and faculty as they begin a new semester:
- People* **that they may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace in their pursuit of truth.**

- Reader* We pray for consolation and support for all who are homebound, detained, imprisoned, or living in refugee camps:
- People* **that they may know the strengthening and renewing power of the Spirit and the care of the Christian community.**
- Reader* We pray for all who are in need of a shepherd's care, for those who are ill, those who are grieving, and those who are lacking the physical and financial resources they need:
- People* **that God's love will comfort them, and that the hearts of many will reach out to them.**
- Reader* We pray for faithful stewardship:
- People* **that we may wisely put to use all the gifts and talents which God has given us and help bring forth God's reign in our households and communities.**
- Reader* We pray for all who suffer from the weather:
- People* **that they may find the shelter and assistance they need.**
- Reader* We pray for all who have inadequate healthcare:
- People* **that the Holy Spirit will guide leaders in government and business toward holy ways to expand healthcare coverage and to protect the gift of health and life.**
- Reader* We pray for victims of abuse or prejudice of any kind:
- People* **that they may hear God's affirmation that they are beloved and experience healing for their bodies, minds, and spirits.**
- Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
- People* **Jesus, God with us, hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant* Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name.
- All* **AMEN!**

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

All O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

Celebrant To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

All AMEN!

Passing the Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

♪ **Down By the Jordan**

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:

"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!

Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:

"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"

"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I

Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,

Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.

Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!

Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.

Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?

This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"

Let's take the good news and share it!

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Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant People of the living water, the Lord is here!

People God's Spirit is with us.

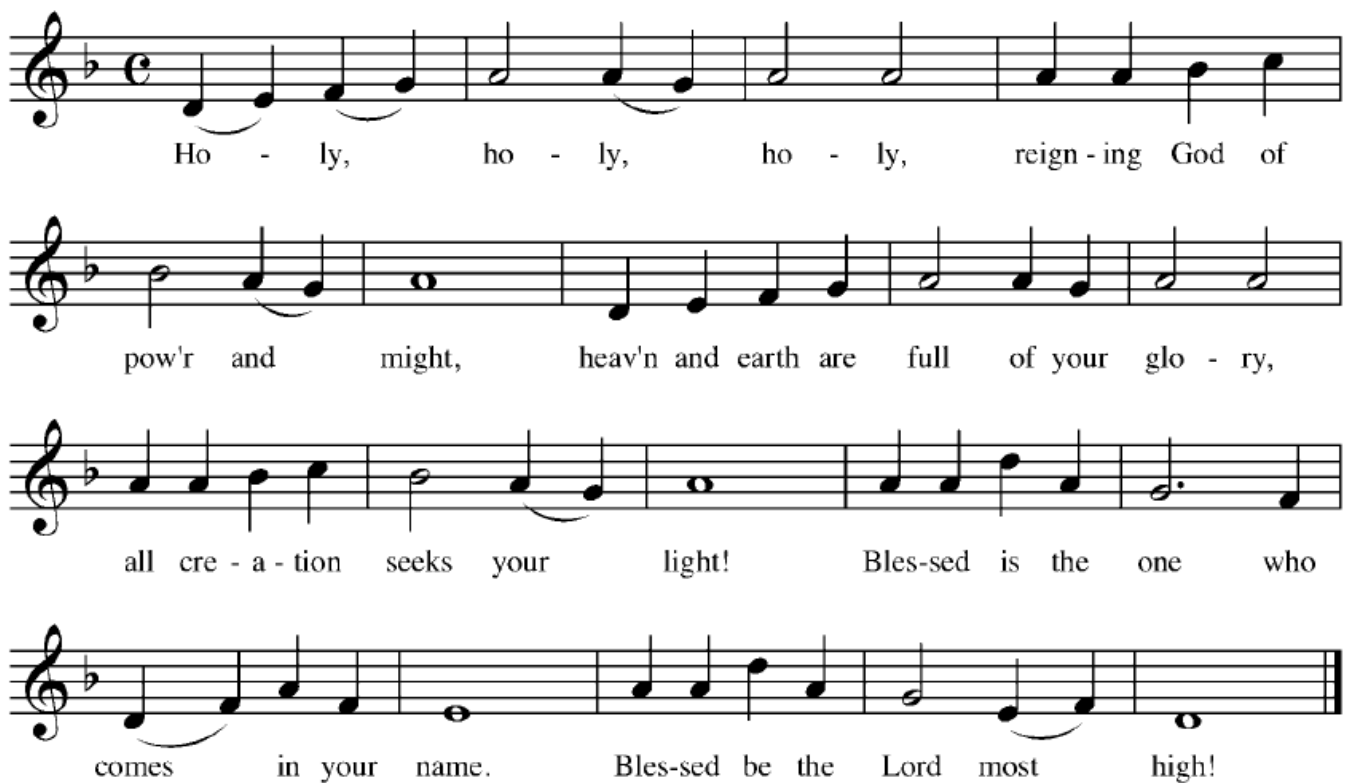
Celebrant Beloved of the Lord, lift your hearts to God.

People We lift our grace-washed hearts to the One who pours hope into us.

Celebrant Children of the Spirit, offer your thanksgiving and praises to God.

People We sing "Glory" to God who baptizes us with water and the Spirit.

Celebrant With the waters of baptism reminding us of your love for us, we lift our praises to you. Before you breathed the Word which tamed chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us. You sang to us in Eden's fields, inviting us to glorify you forever. Yet, we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving the songs behind. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen--there you gather us up to carry us into your kingdom. So, with those who ran to the river's side, and those who immersed themselves in grace, with our beloved sisters and brothers in every time and place, we sing of your love:



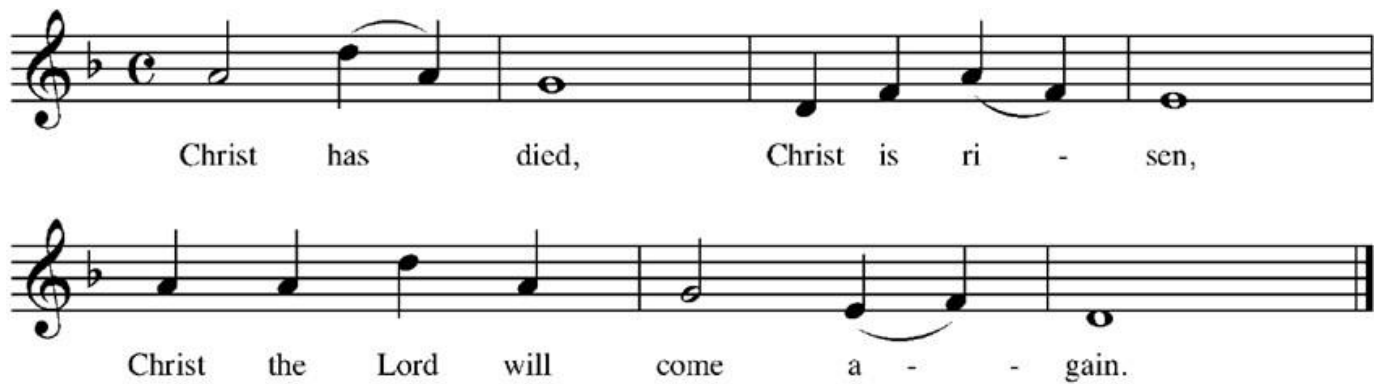
Setting: PICARDY, French carol; arr Kimberly Bracken Long.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

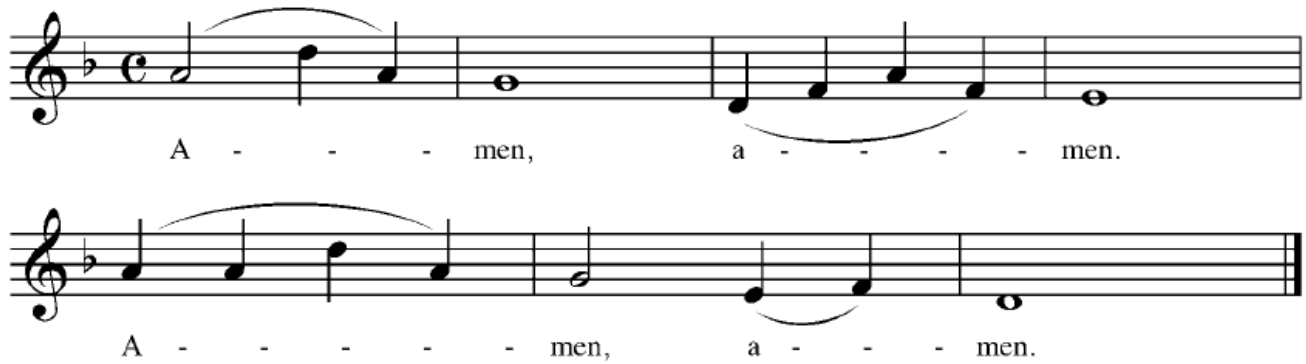
Great is the mystery of faith:



Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All 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!

Breaking Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.

People In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Mysterious God, as Christ was made manifest in the streams of the Jordan, so he is made manifest for us again in the bread and the wine, and for this we thank you. Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit -- that same Spirit which was in Jesus -- so that we may help bring your Light, Peace, and Love to all the earth. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN!

Blessing for Epiphany Season

Celebrant May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ **John Was Preaching in the Desert**

John was preaching in the desert, calling people to repent.

When they heard his word of judgment, many wondered what it meant.

John said, "Someone who is greater comes with fire and Spirit, too.

See! I baptize you with water; he will make your whole life new."

Jesus went down to the Jordan — to be baptized on that day.

All at once, the heavens opened as he paused to humbly pray.

Then a voice came down from heaven — with the Spirit, like a dove.

At those waters, God affirmed him — God's beloved, sent to love.

On this day when we remember how our Savior was baptized,

God, we pause and pray and wonder at the ways you change our lives.

As your Son went through the waters, We rejoice! We're baptized, too.

We are called your sons and daughters; may we go out serving you.

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Sending

Celebrant Go forth bearing the Light of Christ to the world! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!



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