

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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The Baptism of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

PRELUDE

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam
(Christ our Lord came to the Jordan)

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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Adam Bartlett

Cf. Mt 3: 16-17; Ps 45 (44) · RM

*After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

*My heart overflows with noble words.
To the king I address the song I have made,
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.*

GREETING & BLESSING

PENITENTIAL ACT *(sung)*

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan, and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Come to me and your soul will live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you

Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

or just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 (AP)
Theodore Marier

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

See, God is my salvation!

*I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the LORD is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.*

*With joy will you draw water
from the springs of salvation.*

*Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the peoples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is exalted.*

*Sing to the LORD for he has wrought wonders;
let this be known through all the earth.*

*Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. and save the lives of the needy.*

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

*John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and 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; on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*I clasp unto my heart this day, the shielding strength of the Trinity,
by calling on it's mystic Name, the Three in One, the One in Three;
Through whom all nature was created, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
I praise thee, Gof of my salvation, salvation won, by Christ the Lord.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS (*All Stand*)

**Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.**

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.

**Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honor the revealing of your
beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the
sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

PREFACE RESPONSES

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*All Kneel*)

MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD (SUNG BY THE CHOIR AT 11:00 MASS)

from Communion Service

Gerald Near
(b.1942)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*For the reception of Holy Communion, please follow the directions of the ushers
and kindly maintain proper social distance. Please accept the Host in your hand,
step aside, pull your mask down to consume the Host,
and then kindly return to your seat. Thank you.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Richard J. Clark
(b.1969)

*Ecce de quo dicébat Ioáannes: Ego vidi et testimónium perhíbui,
quia hic est Fílius Dei.*

*Behold the One of whom John said, I have seen and testified
that this is the Son of God.*

*Give to the LORD, you sons of God,
give to the LORD glory and might;
Give to the LORD the glory due his name.
Bow down before the LORD's holy splendor!*

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over the mighty waters*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon; John 1, Verses: Psalm 29

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DUET (AT 4:00 MASS

Panis Angelicus

Cesar Franck
(1822-1890)

with William Endicott, Tenor

CHOIR (AT 11:00 MASS)

And The Glory of The Lord (Messiah)

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it
Together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

Isaiah 40:5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN

Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise

Salzburg

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Salzburg"

Robert Lind
(b. 1940)

The Schola Cantorum of Saint John the Evangelist Parish at the 11:00 Mass
Alex Bean, Parish Organist
Mark Nemeskal, Director of Music and Liturgy

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Face masks are required at all times while in the church building except when consuming the host at Communion. Mask must cover your nose and mouth.

Please follow the directions of the ushers in being seated and exiting the Church. Please enter by way of the Mass. Ave doors and exit out the side doors.

This brings up an essential need: VOLUNTEERS to help us at ALL Masses. We need volunteers to help with seating arrangements before every Mass, and with sanitizing the church after every use. For the present, given the safety protocols under which we must operate, this is the only way we can go forward. WILL YOU HELP US? Please contact the Collaborative Mark Nemeskal, Director of Music & Liturgy at nemeskal@verizon.net or reach out to him after any Mass.

We REALLY MUST increase the number of volunteers if we are to continue to have success.

Wash and sanitize your hands before arrival at church or use the hand sanitizer provided when you arrive at Mass.

When receiving the host, please step to the side, lower your mask, consume the host, and then return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward for the reception of the Eucharist, please wait until the end and signal the celebrant, who will come to you to offer Communion at your pew.

Please follow the directions of the ushers when exiting at the end Mass. Please do not stay and carry on conversations. Kindly maintain social-distance of at least 6-feet and deposit your worship aid in the blue recycling bin before exiting church by the SIDE DOOR.

We appreciate your attention to these important guidelines. Thank you for helping us celebrate Mass safely!