

**Gathering Hymn**

**On Jordan's Bank**



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make  
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our  
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And  
5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -  
ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let your  
ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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**Greeting**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Collect**

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.

## **Reading 1** **IS 55:1-11**

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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. For 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.

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## **Responsorial Psalm** **PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10**

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**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

## **Reading 2** **1 JN 5:1-9**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So

there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

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**Alleluia** **CF. JN 1:29**

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**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P. The Lord be with you.**

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** **MK 1:7-11**

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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.”

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**P. The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Homily**

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Universal Prayer**

**P.** As God's beloved children, we trust that our voices are heard. We put into words our needs and the needs of all God's children.

**LECTOR:** For the Church, that we may continue to fulfill Christ's mission, welcoming all those who seek the Lord, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For leaders around the world, that they may strive to bring forth justice to their nations and peace across their borders, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For those who prepare adult catechumens or new parents for baptism, that they may be strengthened in their ministry as they pass their faith and wisdom to their sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For those who are homeless and those who have difficulty affording adequate heat, that they may be kept safe and warm this winter, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For all of us, that we may be conscious of our call as baptized Christians to carry out Christ's mission and serve others as he did, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**L.** For the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and for the intentions in the book of prayers: that they will be joined to those of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron St. Matthew, and all the saints, we pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P.** Heavenly Father, we are your beloved children. May you be well pleased in us as we strive to carry on the mission of your Son. Hear our prayers and grant them in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen**

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## Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

### When Jesus Came to Jordan



1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan To be bap-tized by John,  
2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, Our ut - most woe and loss,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us To keep the vows we make;



He did not come for par - don, But as the Sin - less One.  
For us and our sal - va - tion To die up - on the cross.  
This ver - y day in - vade us, And ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance With all who mourn their sins,  
So when the Dove de - scend - ed On him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, The gift we cov - et most:



To speak the vi - tal sen - tence With which good news be - gins.  
The hid - den years had end - ed, The age of grace be - gan.  
To share the res - ur - rec - tion That leads to Pen - te - cost.

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**P.** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R.** Blessed be God for ever.

*The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

**P.** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The Priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

**P.** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

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*Then he places the chalice on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

**P.** With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.*

*Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:*

**P.** Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:*

**P.** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. 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 holy Church.**

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

**R. Amen.**

### **Preface Dialogue**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P.** Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### **Preface Acclamation**

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 Mystery of Faith**

**P.** The mystery of faith.

**R. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**P.** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**R.** 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.

## **Doxology**

**P.** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R.** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

## **Sign of Peace**

**P.** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R.** Amen.

**P.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R.** And with your spirit.

*If appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

**P.** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Comment: If the priest says "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." The congregation should avoid any contact with each other, and instead offer some other appropriate gesture. Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

**P.** May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**P.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R.** And with your spirit. Lamb of God 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. **Invitation to Communion**

**P.** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**ALL:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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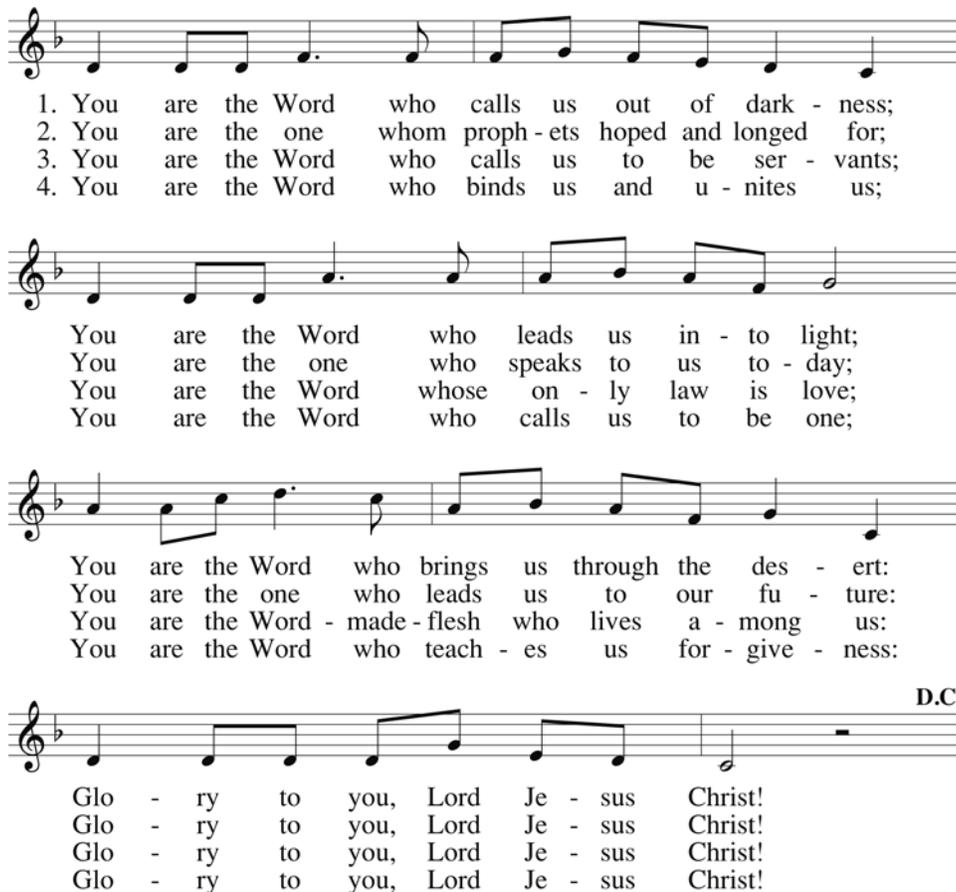
### Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,  
call - ing us to life; Son of God who  
leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;  
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;  
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;  
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;

You are the Word who leads us in - to light;  
You are the one who speaks to us to - day;  
You are the Word whose on - ly law is love;  
You are the Word who calls us to be one;

You are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:  
You are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:  
You are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:  
You are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:

D.C.

Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
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## Concluding Rites

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**P.** Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

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## Closing Hymn

### By All Your Saints Still Striving



1. By all your saints still striv - ing, For all your saints at rest,  
\*2. A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, And all the no - ble thron  
3. Then let us praise the Fa - ther And wor - ship God the Son



Your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed.  
Who wear the spot-less rai - ment And raise the cease-less song:  
And sing to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they might wear the crown  
For them and those whose wit - ness Is on - ly known to you,  
Till all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand be - fore the throne



And share the light of glo - ry Re - flect - ed from your throne.  
By walk - ing in their foot - steps We give you praise a - new.  
As - cribe all pow'r and glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

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