

# The Baptism of our Lord

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## Hymn #507 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## Remembering our Baptism from Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, Romans 6:3-4, Matthew 28:19 and Luther’s [Small Catechism](#)

**P:** “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
There is a time to be born and a time to die”

**C:** “**Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?**”

**P:** We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Daily – in the morning when you arise, and in the evening when you go to bed – remember that you have died and been reborn through baptism. Make the sign of the holy cross and say:

**ALL: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn #590 v. 1 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

## The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold 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. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup>Thus 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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## The Response

*Throughout the service children will ask us questions from Martin Luther's Small Catechism*

**P:** "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3:26-27

**P:** What is Baptism?

**C:** **Baptism is not just plain water,  
but it is the water included in God's command  
and combined with God's Word**

**P:** What is that Word of God?

**C:** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:  
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."** Matthew 28:19-20

## Hymn #590 v. 2 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

My loving Father, here You take me  
To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

## The Epistle Lesson

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## The Response

**P:** "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthy things.

**C:** **For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."** Colossians 3:1, 3

P: How can water do such great things?

**C: Certainly not just water,  
but the Word of God in and with the water does these things,  
along with the faith that trusts this Word of God in the water.  
For without God’s Word the water is plain water and no Baptism.  
But with the Word of God it is a Baptism,  
that is a life-giving water, rich in grace,  
and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.**

P: “God saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**C: so that, having been justified by His grace,  
we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”** Titus 3:5-7

**Hymn #590 v. 3 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”**

My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

## The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

## The Response

P: What does baptizing with water indicate?

**C: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance  
be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires,  
and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God  
in righteousness and purity forever.**

P: “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do . . . . Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 3:10 & 4:22-24

**Hymn #590 v. 4 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”**

All that I am and love most dearly —  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.

## Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

**P:** Because you have been called by the Gospel and instructed in the faith, it is right and good that you should now confess with the Church what God works in and through Baptism. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C: I do renounce them.**

**P:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe 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.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**P:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn #405 “To Jordan’s River Came our Lord”

To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.

The Savior came to be baptized —  
The Son of God in flesh disguised —  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.

Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound:  
“This is My Son,” was His decree,  
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”

The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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## Sermon

## Offering

**Hymn #404** "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered" tune of: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Had no blemish of His own;  
In the waters of the Jordan  
His true worth and work were shown:  
Heaven opened and the Spirit  
There descended like a dove,  
As the Father's voice resounded,  
"Hear My Son, the One I love."

John confessed Him as the Savior —  
"Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"  
Yet he dared not loose the sandals  
Of the One God's love had shod.  
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,  
Bringing news of peace to us,  
Christ, the herald of salvation,  
Preaching mercy from the cross:

This the baptism that our Savior  
Greatly longed to undergo;  
This the crimson cleansing needed  
So the world God's love might know;  
This the mission of Messiah  
As He stepped from Jordan's stream,  
He, the chosen and anointed  
Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Full obedience was Your path;  
You, by death, have consecrated  
Water in this saving bath:  
Dying to the sin of Adam,  
Rising to a life of grace;  
We are counted with the righteous,  
Over us the cross You trace.

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## Prayer of the Church

## 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  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

Jude 24-25

P: "To Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be

C: **glory, majesty, power and authority,**

P: through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

C: Amen."

## Hymn #803 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△ Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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