



## CLASSIC SERVICE

JANUARY 10, 2021 • 9:15AM • THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We gather to be strengthened through the study of God's Word.

**Families, Friends, and Guests of Zion.** Please know that your safety is very important to us as we gather to worship Almighty God in-person (or online). *Please observe proper social distancing. Approach wearing your mask (and we require that anyone 4 years old and up should do so) with a servant-like attitude that looks out for the best of others. We will instruct you on how to best enter and exit the worship space before and after service. Restrooms are available through the atrium space (to your left and down the hall, notice flow patterns through atrium doorways) and are cleaned before and after each service as is the worship space.* Our prayer is: the worship environment we create together allows us to be one and worship God freely and safely even in adverse times like this. Welcome!

**As we gather.** Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him and with others in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations in a re-created community.

## WELCOME

*Please Stand*

## INVOCATION

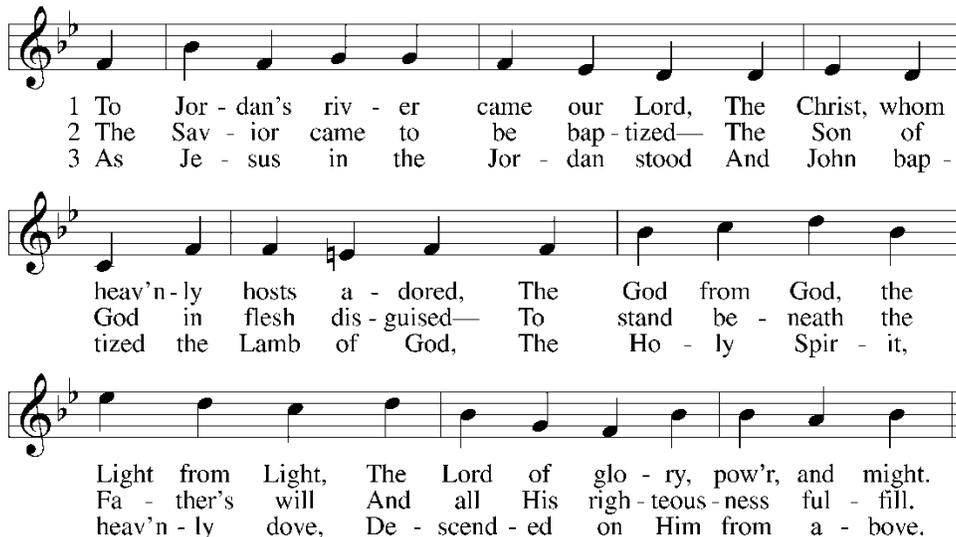
**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## OPENING HYMN

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,

Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4

P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**C And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

P And God said, "Let there be light."

**C The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

P The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**C The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

**C The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In Holy Baptism, we were baptized into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Still, we have often lived as if we were independent and autonomous. We've lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our selves. Yet, today let's hear our heavenly Father invite us back to Him for forgiveness, healing, and holiness.

*[ Silence for reflection and personal confession. ]*

P Heavenly Father,

**C we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

405 *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

4 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."

5 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.

6 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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## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel in and through our community; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Be Seated*

+ WORD +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 1:1–5*

*(God creates the heavens and the earth.)*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

- 1 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.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest, In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole, Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now, And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee, At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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**EPISTLE**

*Romans 6:1–11*

*(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)*

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.**

*Please Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:13-17*  
*(Jesus is baptized by John.)*

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

### **C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> 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."

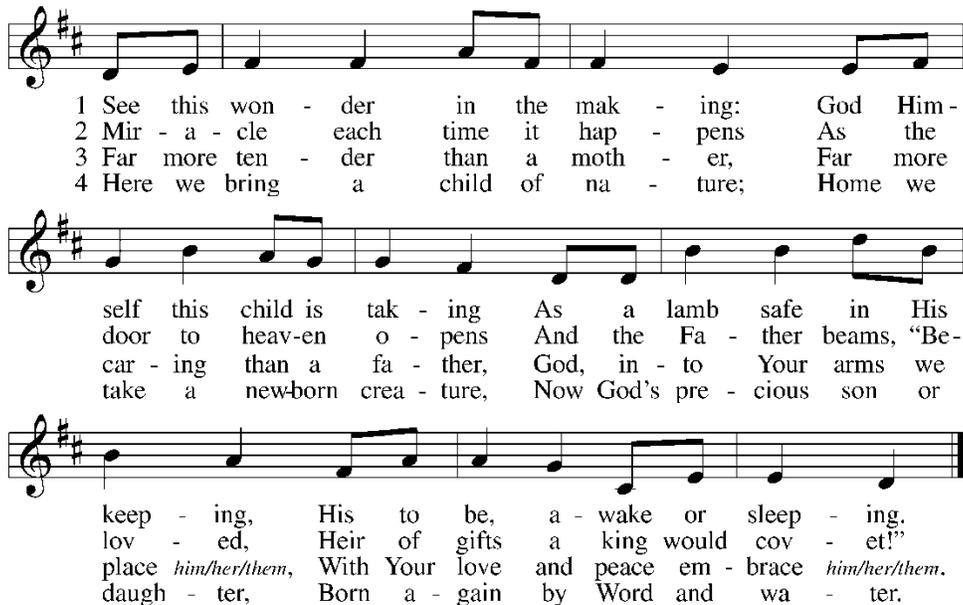
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Be Seated – Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC)*

## SERMON HYMN

*593 See This Wonder in the Making*



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -  
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the  
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more  
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we  
self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His  
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-  
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we  
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or  
keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.  
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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## SERMON

*Please Stand*

## CATECHISM

*3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Commandments*

**C The third commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."**

P What does this mean?

**C We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

P The fourth commandment says, "Honor your father and mother."

**C What does this mean?**

P We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities,

**C but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

**OFFERING** *(Thanks for your ongoing support of God's mission here – Children return from CC.)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Prayer response after each petition:*

P Lord, by mighty work and wonder,  
C reveal Your grace to us.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
C Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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**SILENT PRAYER**

*Into the world, having received the gift of the community of Christ...*

**A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...**

Pastor ..... Rev. Jason Hoerth Elder ..... Paul Tomes  
Organist ..... Carol Trumbo Tech ..... Jason Robey  
Children's Ch. .... Soozie Tomes

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