

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021

“A New Creation”

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN *“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”*

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| <p>1) 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.”</p> <p>2) 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:</p> | <p>3) 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.</p> <p>4) 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.</p> |
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(please stand)

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: and there was light. *Genesis 1:3*

P: All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death.

C: 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. *Romans 6:3-4*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: When God spoke creation into existence, He saw that it was very good. But humanity, from Adam and Eve to every successive generation, has rebelled against God. When our Lord was baptized, the Father was well-pleased with Him, and in our Baptism we were joined to His death and resurrection. As baptized children, in God's view, we are new creations! Let us therefore confess our own sinful rebellion and call on our gracious heavenly Father for pardon and peace.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

C: Yes, I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil, all his works and all his ways?

C: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment, and do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

C: Yes, I do so confess and repent. *(LSB, adapted)*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.. "Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." *Romans 6:11*

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. 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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV)

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. 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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have

died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE VERSE *“Thy Strong Word” #578 vs. 6*

**God the Father, Light-Creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4-8 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker 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. 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.

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.

THE BIBLE MEMORY VERSE FOR JANUARY 1 Corinthians 6:19c-20 (ESV)

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

(please be seated)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”*

- 1) All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- 2) You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.
- 3) But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.
- 4) In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5) O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.
- 6) So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

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THE SERMON *“A New Creation”* Text: Genesis 1:1-5

THE OFFERING *(Please leave your offering in a plate in the Narthex, mail it, or bring it to the office.)*

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the following response: “Let us pray to the Lord,” “Lord, have mercy.”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

