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The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

To Jordan Came Christ, Our Lord

Stephen Rosebrock

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

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.
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, come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
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.
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.

CONGREGATION GREETINGS

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made Heaven and Earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Hymnal p.186

P: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A: *(sung)* Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal p. 187

P: Glory be to God on high,
C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* And with thy spirit.

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: *(sung)* Amen.

L: The first reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is from chapter forty-two of Isaiah.

God delights in His Servant.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L: The voice of the Lord
flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forest bare,
and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

**C: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

L: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to His people!
May the Lord bless His people with peace!

**C: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1–11

L: The second reading is from chapter six of Romans.

Christians walk in newness of life.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please rise)*

Hymnal p. 190

P: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

A: (sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter three.

C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus is baptized for us.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

Hymnal p. 404

**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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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "Rendez à Dieu"

Karen Beaumont

OFFERING SONG

Hymnal p. 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.**

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Hymnal p. 405

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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Prayer after worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Ton-y-Botel

Robert F. Swift

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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