



January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

Prelude

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creator God,

in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters
and you brought forth light.

Your Spirit gives us birth.

Your light shines within us.

Brother Christ, you submitted to baptism in the Jordan River;
you immersed yourself in our life.

Your presence warms us.

We rejoice in your grace.

Holy Spirit,

your breath gives us life;

your flame burns with compassion within us.

Alleluia!

We immerse ourselves in your grace,

that we may always shine with the light of your love.

Alleluia!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -
thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai - ly at -
thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can
fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION ***

Loving God, we are precious in your sight,
Yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.
We follow selfish goals
and deny that our way of life
harms others and hurts your world.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart,
strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE ***

Beloved, God forgives your sins;
know that you are pardoned
and be at peace to love the Lord
and serve the world.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 43:1-7](#) (Pg. 585) *

ANTHEM

Christmas Joy

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky has withdrawn,
when the kings see their prophecy rightly
fulfilled,
when the princes and shepherds have gone;
then the true work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost,
to heal the broken hearts,
to feed the hungry,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all brothers,
to make music in the heart.

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,
wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;
stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,
the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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***GOSPEL LESSON:**

Luke 3:15-22

(Pg. 834) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.'

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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MESSAGE: Karen Manning

"THE POWER OF THE WATER"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Unison

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 - ery bond-age break.

He came to share re - pent-ance 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.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1973 (Mt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Lk. 3:21-22)
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THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)

Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Down by the Jordan

1. Down by the Jor - dan, a pro - phet named John was bap - tiz -
 2. There by the riv - er, the crowd came with great ex - pec - ta -
 3. Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized a - long with the o -
 4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's Spi -

ing, preach - ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur -
 tion: "Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to res - cue our
 thers, tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's lost sons and
 rit. Freed and for - giv - en we're wel - comed with joy! Can you

pris - ing. "God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you
 na - tion?" "No!" John re - plied. He who is migh - tier than
 daugh - ters. Then with great love, God's Spi - rit came as a
 hear it? This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're

live! Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"
 I jud - ges and of - fers sal - va - tion."
 dove! Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.
 mine!" Let's take the good news and share it!

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Looking Ahead

Readings for January 19, 2025

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

[Isaiah 62:1-5 / Psalm 36:5-10](#)

[First Corinthians 12:1-11/ John 2:1-11](#)

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