

# Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Final day of the Christmas season



## OPENING HYMN

When Jesus comes to be baptised,  
He leaves the hidden years behind,  
The years of safety and of peace,  
To bear the sins of all mankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
Anoints the Christ to suffering,  
To preach the Word, to free the bound,  
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,  
And what is bruised He will not break,  
But heal the wound injustice dealt,  
And out of death His triumph make.

Our everlasting Father praise,  
With Christ, His well-beloved Son,  
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,  
Untroubled Trinity in One.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

*Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.*

PSALM RESPONSE: **The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

*God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

*When Jesus after His own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.*

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**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth:  
Before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing;  
To Him shall prayer ascending and daily vows ascend,  
His Kingdom still increasing, a Kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand forever, His changeless Name of Love.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to You we raise,  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem, in Your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to You addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream: Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
And at Cana, wedding guest, in Your Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to You addressed God in man made manifest.

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 You addressed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see You, Lord, mirrored in Your holy Word;  
May we imitate You now and to us Your grace endow;  
That we like to You may be at Your great Epiphany  
And may praise You, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

