

# The Baptism of Christ

## INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN—**51** *New English Hymnal*

In the name of the Father,  
and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in  
heart.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and  
divided.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us ✠ our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to  
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God  
and Father, we worship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the  
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you  
are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you**

**alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most  
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son, anointing him  
with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born  
again by water and the Spirit, that we may be  
faithful to our calling as your adopted chil-  
dren; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING *Isa 43.1-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O  
Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not  
fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called  
you by name, you are mine. When you pass  
through the waters, I will be with you; and  
through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm  
you; when you walk through fire you shall not  
be burned, and the flame shall not consume  
you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy  
One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as  
your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange  
for you. Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you, I give people in  
return for you, nations in exchange for your  
life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring  
your offspring from the east, and from the west  
I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give  
them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and my daughters  
from the end of the earth – everyone who is  
called by my name, whom I created for my  
glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

℟. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

*(All repeat)*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due unto his  
name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. ℟.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders.  
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. ℟.

The Lord sits enthroned above the  
waterflood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of  
peace. ℟.

## SECOND READING

Acts 8.14–17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 3.17

**Alleluia.**

This is my Son, the Beloved:  
with whom I am well pleased.  
**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *may follow.*

*All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow)* was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(all rise)* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again**

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.

We 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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:*

℣. Lord, hear us. ℞. Lord, graciously hear us.  
or ℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. Hear our prayer.

*At the Commemoration of the Departed:*

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;  
℞. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your  
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN—**137**

*The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Open the heavens, Lord God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:*

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory (× 2).**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*

... for ever and ever. Amen.

## RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces the 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,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.*

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit, complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the Father, whose voice bore witness to his beloved Son at the River Jordan, bestow upon you the Spirit of adoption as his children. **Amen.**

May Christ, who submitted to baptism at the hands of John, fulfil in you all righteousness and cleanse you from sin. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who came upon the Son at his baptism, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **140**

*The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.*

℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℞. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death.**

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℞. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

℣. And the Word was made flesh:

℞. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℞. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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