

January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

Call to Worship
(Genesis 1, Mark 1)

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

All: then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.

One: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John. The heavens opened,
and the Spirit descended like a dove;

All: then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession
(Psalm 29, Mark 1)

All: God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are— not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve only you.

(silent confession)

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Acts 19:1-7

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2 He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' 3 Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' 4 Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— 7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart

and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Affirmation of Faith:

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

(Acts 19, Mark 1)

All: We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Hymn 482

"Baptized in Water"