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# Traditional Worship Guide

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany ❖ January 12, 2025

### The Baptism of Our Lord

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ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)      *"Star Carol"*      Chancel Choir

#### WELCOME & BETHANY'S MISSION

- P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,  
we seek to live our mission of:  
C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

HYMN: *"Shall We Gather at the River"*      # 423

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are  
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

C: **We give God thanks for the gift of baptism.**

P: We give You thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
Your Spirit moved over the waters and by Your  
Word You created the world.

C: **Through water You called forth life  
in which You took delight.**

P: Through the waters of the flood You delivered  
Noah and his family.

C: **Through the sea You led Your people Israel  
from slavery into freedom.**

P: At the river Your Son was baptized by John and  
anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: **By water and Your Word You claim us  
as daughters and sons, making us heirs of Your promise  
and servants of all.**

P: We praise You for the gift of water that sustains  
life, and above all we praise You for the gift of  
new life in Jesus Christ.

C: **Shower us with Your Spirit, and renew our  
lives with Your forgiveness, grace, and love. →**

P: To You be given honor and praise through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING      *Isaiah 43: 1-7*      Bible, pg. 1126

SECOND READING      *Psalm 29: 1-4*      Bible, pg. 866

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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HOLY GOSPEL      *Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22*      Bible, pg. 1594

Say before the reading:      **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
Say after the reading:      **Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### SERMON

*After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to  
the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.*

HYMN: *"When Jesus Came to Jordan"* ..... # 305

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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 worshiped 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.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

*Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.*

## TEMPLE TALK

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response after each petition:*

P: Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(together)*

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.

## BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" ..... # **543**

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

### *Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

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## When Jesus Came to Jordan

1 When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon,  
But as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins.

2 He came to share temptation,  
Our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
On him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended,  
The age of grace began.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
To keep the vows we make,  
This very day invade us,  
And every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
The gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost.

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## **Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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