

# A Service of the Word for the Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

## Invocation

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 29*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendour of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over many 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 to 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 makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1–7

- Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
  - <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,

- and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- 5 Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,
- 7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

### Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

### Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

### Sermon

#### Prayers

Heavenly Father, You have revealed Your Son to us in the wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan. So also You have revealed Your name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, declaring us Your beloved heirs. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, living with joy as Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Preserve Your Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world. Give steadfast faith to all Christians by the preaching of Your Word and through the Holy Sacraments, and send labourers into Your harvest. Enliven the love of Your saints to bear one another's burdens and to show mercy toward those outside of the Church. Quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Preserve the family, especially all Christian homes. Turn husband and wife toward one another in love, equip fathers and mothers for their holy duty as teachers of the faith, and preserve all children in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give comfort and relief to those who are sick, depressed, tired, confused or in any need especially Les and Lyn, Michael, Alois, Roger, William, [others we remember in our hearts]. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Be with those who are near death, that they may hear Your Son's Words of grace in their last hour and be confident in their Baptism, where You named them Your child. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself, with the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Your dear Son and, with Your voice, directed us to Him who has borne our sins, that we might receive grace and the remission of sins. Keep us, we beseech You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your dear Son, we pray You to strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

### Blessing

The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.