

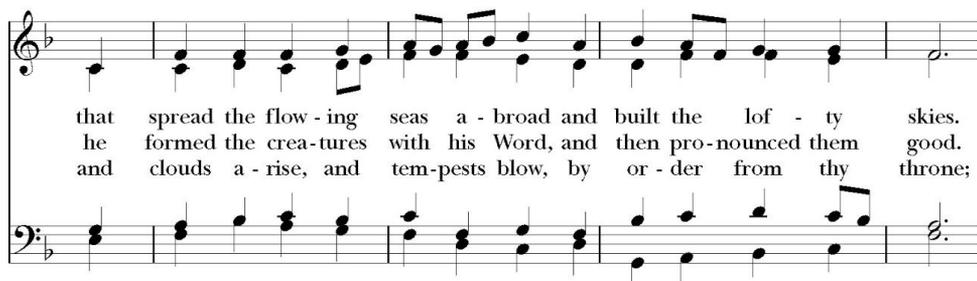
The First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021
Holy Communion

Opening Hymn

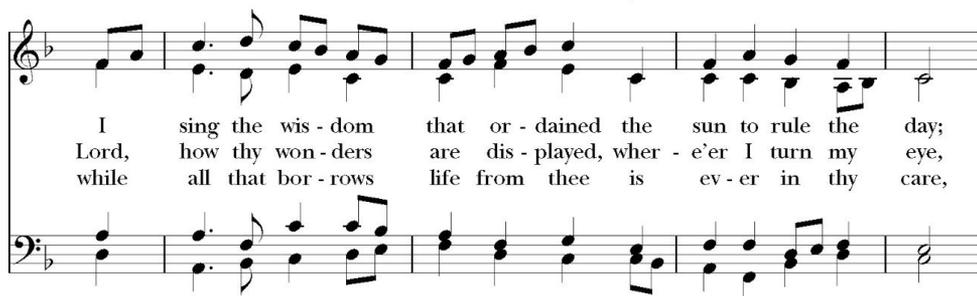
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1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey,
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.

The Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 29

Please join me in saying it in unison

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, **

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

*7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

*9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"*

*10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

*11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 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." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." 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." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Sequence

(L245, v1)

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ,
the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Sequence

(L245, v3)

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him.
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify his His name and worship Christ,
the Lord.

Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Closing Hymn

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1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.

Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,
based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

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Hymnals in use today:

H = The Hymnal 1982

L = Lift Every Voice and Sing II

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