



The Baptism of Our Lord

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New Hymnal Dedication

We dedicate our new hymnals today to the glory of our Lord. A hymnal contains the forms which bring to us God's precious means of grace: the Gospel in Word and Sacraments. A hymnal contains many of the songs and prayers we use together to ask God's grace and respond to it. A hymnal helps shape the bond of faith not only within a congregation but also among congregations united in a synod. A hymnal expresses the bond we share with saints of past centuries and brings us new songs for our time and for the future. So today it is our special joy to dedicate our new worship book to the glory of our Lord.

Anointing uncovered: What the eye sees differs from what God decrees.

Our sight tends to be the sense we trust most. We say we will believe something when we see it. That presents a problem when it comes to the work of God. So often what our eye sees differs from what God decrees. This is true of the life of Jesus. In the eyes of the world, he was nothing special. This is also true in the life of the Christian. To the world, the believer does not look more blessed than the unbeliever. In fact, the believer may appear to have more hardships as the devil and his allies attempt to destroy him. So, to assure his children, God connects his grace, power, and blessing to something we can see—a visible sign: the anointing of baptism.

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Pastor Daniel Sims

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David Porth

Cantor

Samantha O'Connell

Setting Three

Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Rite of Dedication

We gather today to dedicate our new hymnals.

We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Gracious Father, we know you desire to be with us. You delight in hearing the prayers and praise of your people.

Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of being your people, for the blessing of worship, for the comfort and strength you give in this place, for the praise and joy you prompt in our hearts.

We thank you for your many gifts: for language, for music, and for the liturgy as a setting for your marvelous grace in Baptism, in Holy Communion, and in the proclamation of your Word.

Bless us as we use this book.

Lord, you gifted the many people who helped prepare this book. Their service to you and to us is a rich blessing. For those who have labored diligently in developing this worship book,

We thank you, O Lord.

For those who use their time and ability to assist our worship – for those who lead us in worship, for singers and all other musicians, for those who prepare your house each week, for talent with flowers, banners, and all other arts,

We thank you, O Lord.

Lord, we confess that we have not always put our hearts and minds into worship as you desire. Forgive our sins of approaching you too casually, carelessly, infrequently, or without concentration on your presence in worship.

Send your Holy Spirit so that the words and music of this hymnal become the sincere prayers and praise of our hearts.

Bless our use of old songs and forms, that we more deeply recognize our connection with your people of all times and the value of their contribution to our worship.

Bless our use of new liturgies and songs, that we see anew the wonder of your ways and the privilege we have to praise you.

Bless us as we receive your priceless gifts and express our faith to you and to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Bless our sincere participation in worship.

May others who do not yet know you learn something of your love and power through all we do here.

Move us to commit ourselves – heart and mind – to this vital part of our lives called worship.

To your glory, O Lord, and for the edification of your holy people we dedicate these hymnals, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

CW 379

The Cantor will sing stanza one.



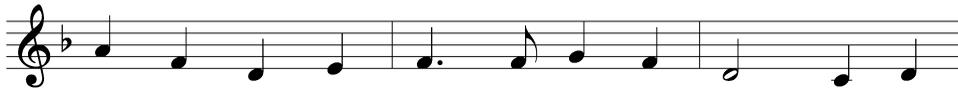
1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert led to Jor - dan's
2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons as by Jor - dan's
3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan led at last to
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us one with Christ, our



flow - ing stream; there you heard the her - ald cry - ing
bank you stood; bathed, though sin - less, with your peo - ple
Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the cross for - sak - en,
ris - en Lord, freed us, claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en



Is - rael's old, pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is
in the riv - er's cleans - ing flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens
you ful - filled the Fa - ther's will. Lamb of God, we see you
thro' the wa - ter and the Word. Help us hear your ur - gent



com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners,
o - pened; came the Spir - it as a dove; spoke a
dy - ing, sin - less, yet for sin - ners slain. But where
sum - mons, call - ing us to serve you now. Send us



plunge be - neath the wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
voice be - yond all hear - ing: "See my Son, the One I love!"
death rose up to tri - umph, you be - gan your glo - rious reign!
forth, your sons and daugh - ters, with the cross up - on our brow.

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Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

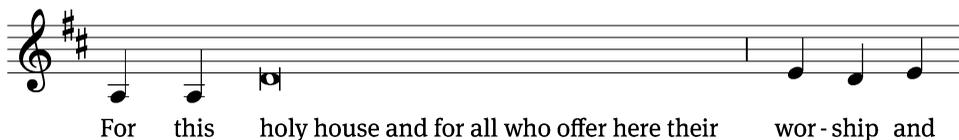
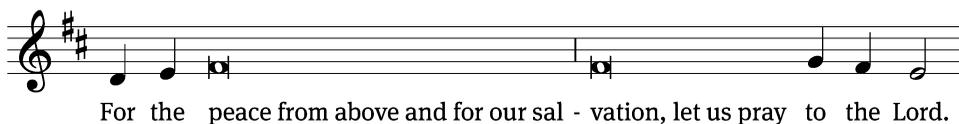
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

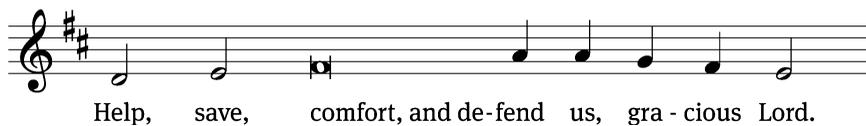
Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190





praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.

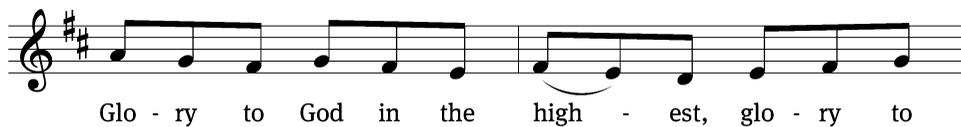


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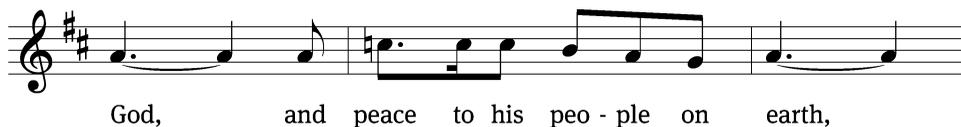
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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1–13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

²But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹²So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

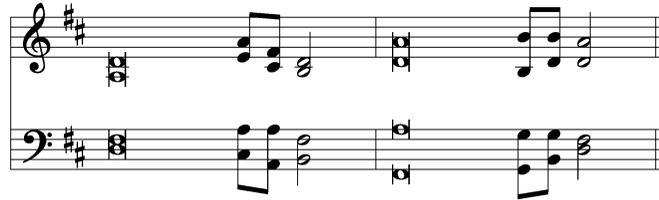
You Are My Son

Psalm 2A

Refrain



Tone



Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / noointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,
“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the / Holy Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Gospel

Luke 3:15-17,21,22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CW 377



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
to save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
"This Man is Christ Our Substitute!"
Reverend Daniel Sims

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering

The Offering Plate is available on the shelf as you leave. If you wish to give an electronic offering, we have provided a QR code at the end of this worship folder. You can also go to pilgrimcares.org/giving to give your offerings online.

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven



full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con-science seize me
not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,
her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your
faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Stand

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured

CW 685



1 Through sim - ple wa - ter, drawn and poured, u - nit - ed
2 There at the font with prom - ise true God brings his
3 My sin - ful self was cru - ci - fied with Christ, as
4 From that day on God helps me drown the sin - ful
5 When doubts a - rise, when sin as - sails, the pow'r of



with his pow'r - ful Word, in bap - tism Je - sus sets us
sav - ing grace a - new— the sin - in - fect - ed soul he
if I, too, had died; and as he rose, I al - so
self and hold it down. I am made new; I'm born a -
bap - tism nev - er fails. "I am bap - tized! What should I



free from sin's dread pow'r and slav - er - y.
heals and all his par - d'ning love re - veals!
rise to live with strength that he sup - plies.
gain, re - pent - ing, trust - ing, serv - ing him.
fear? God's love for me is al - ways near!"

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Parents' Preview for January 16/19

PURPOSE

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer are that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me

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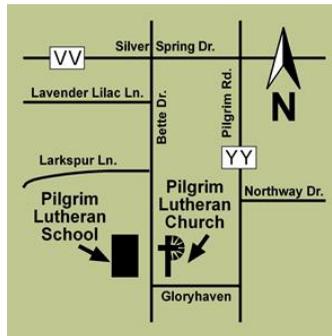
1 Je - sus, your bound - less love to me no thought can reach, no
tongue de - clare; dwell in my heart e - ter - nal - ly,
and reign with - out a ri - val there. O Je - sus, noth - ing
may I do, but seek my joy in serv - ing you.

PRAYER

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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