

# Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday After the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 10, 2021

## Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Rite

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

### Hymn

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Hymnal 76

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line of each system corresponding to the first line of lyrics.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
 Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The following is said, all standing:*

Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
 almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

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.

### **First Reading**

Genesis 1:1-5

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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.

### **Psalm**

*Remain seated.*

*Afferte Domino*

- 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.

**Second Reading**

Acts 19:1-7

A Reading from the book of Acts.

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.

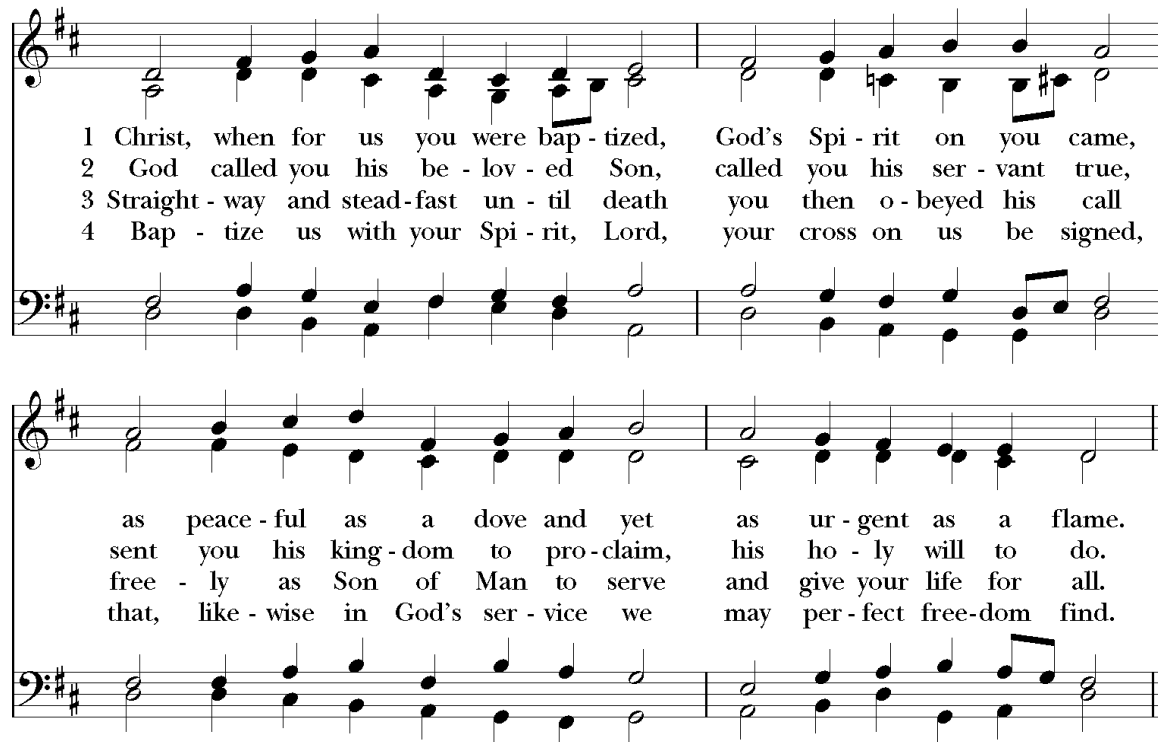
Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
 People           Thanks be to God.

### Sequence

*All stand.*

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

Hymnal 121



1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,  
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call  
 4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.  
 free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

*All stand.*

*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.

## **Sermon**

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Through the Paschal Mystery, dear friends, we, together with all the saints, were buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

The Presider:        Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

The People respond:    *I do.*

The Presider:        Do you believe in God the Father?

The People respond: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

The Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

The People respond: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

The Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

The People respond: *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.*

The Presider: How will you remain faithful to these things you believe?

The People respond: *With God's help by continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.*

The Presider: How will you respond to temptation and failure?

The People respond: *With God's help by persevering in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, by repenting and returning to the Lord.*

The Presider: How will you share God and Christ with the world?

The People respond: *With God's help by proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.*

The Presider: How will you show others you are a member of the Body of Christ?

The People respond:      *With God's help by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.*

The Presider:            How will you participate in making God's world a better place for all in God's creation?

The People respond:      *With God's help by striving for justice and peace among all people, and by respecting the dignity of every human being.*

The Presider:            May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who by water and the Holy Spirit has gathered his saints from every language, people and nation, and has made us a kingdom of priests to serve him in this age and in the age to come, grant us the grace to show forth with our lives what we confess with our lips, through Christ our Lord.

The People respond:      *Amen.*

*The Presider then sprinkles the people with water to remind them of their baptismal bath in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

## **Prayers of the People for the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**

*Prayer is offered with intercession for: the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate).*

*All remain standing.*

*Officiant:*

Let us pray to God, whose light shines forth in Jesus Christ.

*Intercessor:*

On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus the Lord, let our prayer be as wide as the world. Let us say to the Father:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**



That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near; and that the Church may welcome all people and rejoice in the diversity of their cultures, let us pray to the Lord:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That in our day justice may flourish and peace come to all of the world, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That we might rejoice in God's creation as God does, and that we might have the wisdom and courage to care for it as faithful stewards, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That God might deliver all who suffer from their distress; and that God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak and open their hearts and hands to the needy, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That all those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_ ] may rest in God's eternal radiance where there is neither pain nor darkness nor sorrow, but peace and life everlasting, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That those who persecute the Lord in those who try to follow him may see his light and be converted, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in people full of faith and love, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people.**

Lord our God, we rejoice that you have become near to us in Jesus your Son.

**Let him be the light of life now and for ever. Amen.**

*All remain standing.*

## Confession of Sin

*All kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## Peace

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

## Offertory Hymn

*You're called by name, forever loved*

WLP 766

1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -  
2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where  
3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set  
4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -

dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the  
Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied  
free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion  
tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the remaining lines, including a triplet in the vocal line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.  
 in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.  
 to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.  
 share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

*Refrain*

Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,  
 In your hands we place your own. Lord,  
 Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,

in their lives make your love known.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

### Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God;  
 through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
 the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
 You laid the foundations of the world  
 and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
 You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
 and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
 all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
 And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
 we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
 as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
 your Word has never been silent;  
 you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
 you delivered them from bondage  
 and led them to a land of promise.  
 Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
 to be human, to share our life,  
 to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
 and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
 you have freed us from sin,  
 brought us into your life,  
 reconciled us to you,  
 and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
 Jesus took bread,  
 and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
 gave it to his friends and said:  
 “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
 said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
 “Drink this, all of you:  
 this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
 poured out for you and for all  
 for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with [blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and] all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

Blessed are you, now and forever. AMEN.

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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*(Those joining virtually should join with the Celebrant saying these words, those gathered in-person will not say these words):*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

## Communion Hymn

O God of gentle strength

WLP 771

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with each line corresponding to a different verse. The first line of lyrics is: "1. O God of gentle strength, your", "2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have", "3. And when life's chal - len - ges e -", "4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The". The second line of lyrics is: "love em - bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness", "claimed us as your own. As mem - bers of one", "clipse our minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom", "path may be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of". The third line of lyrics is: "of your care my heart rests will - ing - ly.", "bod - y, we shall nev - er be a - lone.", "spark a flame to drive the dark - ness out.", "things un - seen will keep our foot - ing sure."

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. Amen.

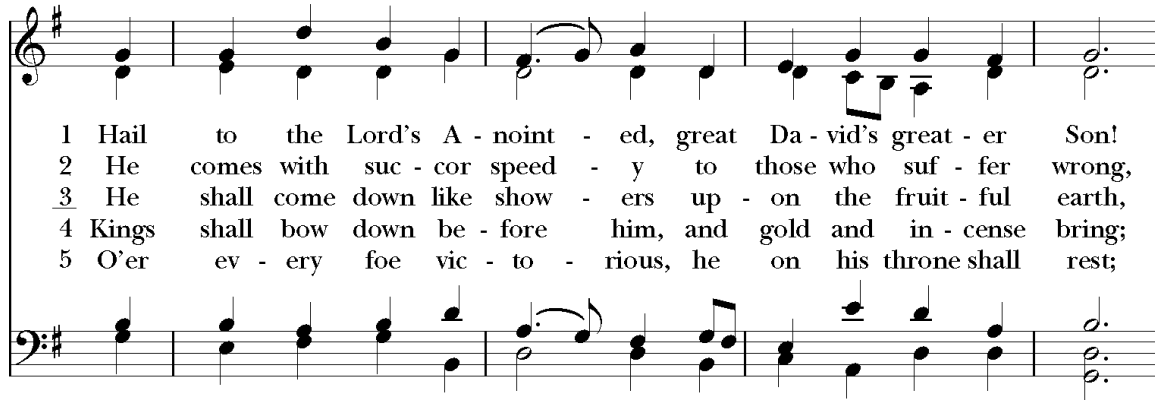
May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

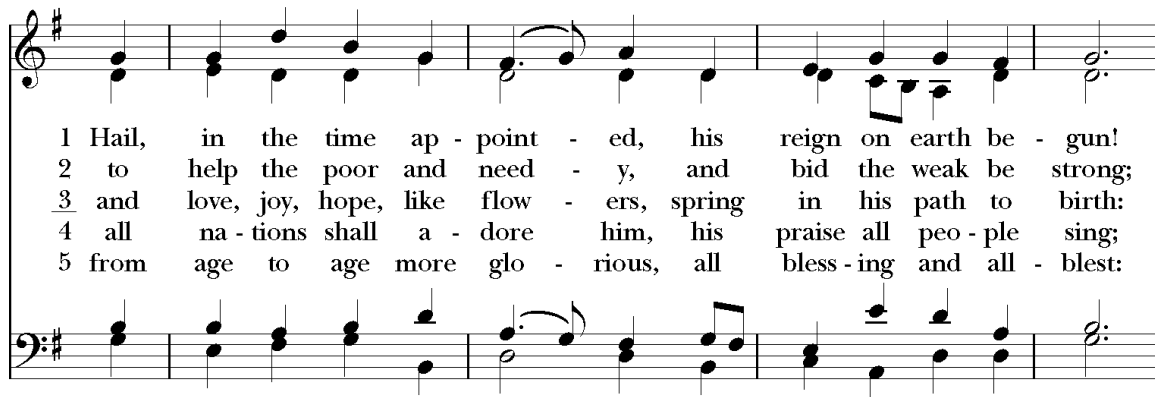
# Recessional Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymnal 616



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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