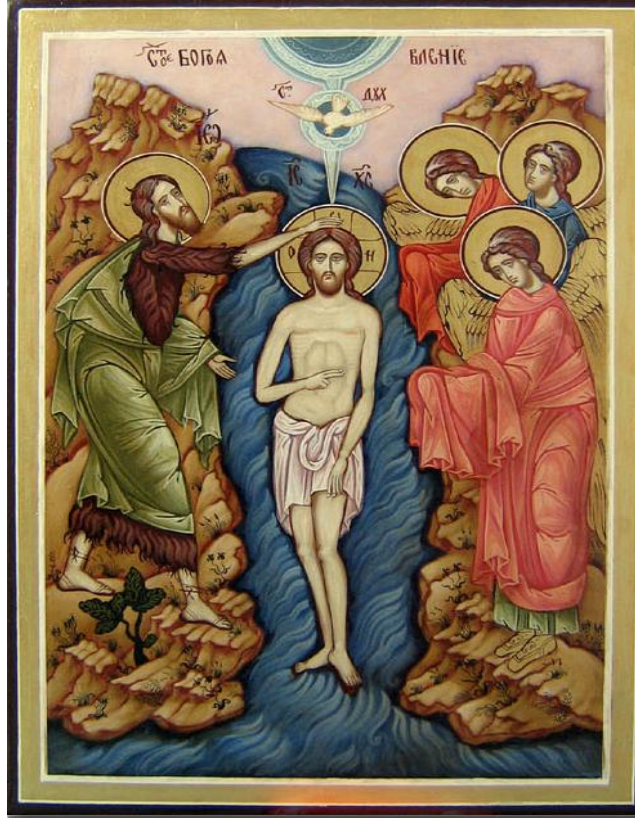


The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ



The Introit: *Ecce, advenit, Malachi 3, Ps. 72:7,8/1[2,4,13,17]* TONE III



Ant: Behold the Ruler is come, *

And the kingdom, power and dominion are in his hand.

Psalm. Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

[That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall have pity on the lowly and the poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

May his Name remain forever↓
and be established as long as the sun endures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.]

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,↓
and to the Holy Spir-it, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen

Antiphon:

The Kyrie or Kyrie Litany
Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect:

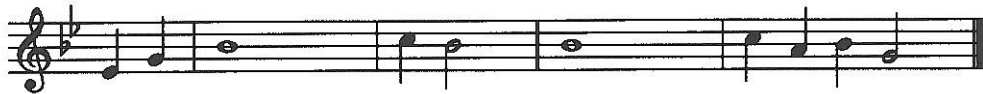
Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives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

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is 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. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 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 upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them

The Gradual: *Inveni David, Psalm 89:20, vs 21,22/24-29* TONE V



Antiphon: I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

V. My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

V. No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

V. My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

V. I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

V. He will say to me, "You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation."

V. I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.

V. I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

V. I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓
and to the Holy Spir-it, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: **Acts 10:34-38**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Alleluia: **Omnes qui in Christo, Galatians 3:27**

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V. All of you who were baptized into Christ *
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory: **Benedictus qui venit, Psalm 118:26,27**

TONE III



Bless-ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord;
God is the Lord, *
who has shined upon us.

The Prayer over the gifts:

We bring offerings to you, O Lord, in celebration of the Baptism of your only-begotten Son, humbly asking that, as he is the author of our gifts, so he may mercifully receive them; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Preface of Epiphany (Roman)

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh,
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give the knowledge of your glory
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

The Preface of Epiphany (Ambrosian)

In the voice from heaven over the Jordan river
You revealed yourself as the savior of all
and the Father of eternal light.
You rent the heavens, blessed the air
and cleansed the springs of water;
Then by the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descending,
You announced the coming of your beloved Son.

Today the waters have received your blessing
to wash away our ancient curse,
To grant believers forgiveness of sins,
and to make them your very own children,
by a heavenly birth into eternal life.
For, though from our coming newborn into the world
we were subject to death by the reason of the fall,
now eternal life receives us
and calls us back to the glory of heaven.

And so, in the joy of this feast the earth resounds with gladness;
the angels and the powers of creation sing with one voice
the hymn of your glory: *Holy, Holy, Holy...*

The Blessing before the Pax Domini: The Baptism of Our Lord (Theophany)

Priest: May you O Lord: who were baptized in the Jordan and made known to us the worship of the Trinity by the voice of the Father calling you His beloved Son as the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of your word, continue to reveal yourself to us in the Scriptures and the Holy Mysteries.

People: Amen

Priest: May you draw us out of the desert of this life, and lead us to your eternal kingdom, protecting us from the temptations of the devil and the enticements of sin, and leading us in the paths of righteousness.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Holy Spirit who rested upon the only-begotten Son, endow us with true innocence of mind, and, by the power which turned the water into wine in Cana of Galilee, enable us to understand the mysteries of His Law and Grace.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion: Vox facta, Mark 1:11

TONE I



A voice came from heaven: *

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Postcommunion Collect:

Almighty Father, we ask that the heavenly Light go before us, always and everywhere, that we may discern with pure hearts and receive with due affection, the Mysteries of which you have made us partakers; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Prayer at the icon stand:

Almighty God, at the Baptism of your blessed Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan you manifested his glorious Godhead: Grant, we pray, that the brightness of his presence may shine in our hearts, and his glory be set forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

1. The sinless One to Jordan came,
and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled,
and chose the path his Father willed.

2. Uprising from the waters there,
the Father's voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had come
to lead his scattered people home.
3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,
the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed
upon the Son's anointed head.
4. How blest that mission then begun
to heal and save a race undone!
Straight to the wilderness he goes
to wrestle with his people's foes.
5. O Christ, may we baptized from sin,
go forth with you, a world to win:
grant us the Holy Spirit's power
to shield us in temptation's hour.
6. On you may all your people feed,
and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those
that with you died, and with you rose.