

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, /YEAR A



JANUARY 11, 2026

Readings in *Worship* hymnal # 1112

Entrance Antiphon: Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Reading I: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

The “servant” described by Isaiah is an enigmatic figure that may stand for the prophet himself, the “poor ones” of Israel, or the whole nation. Because of the way Jesus died, Christians saw in the sufferings of the servant an image of the One who brought life from death. In this passage the servant is anointed with the divine spirit and acts with mercy and gentleness.

Psalm Response: Ps 29

The psalmist sees in a thunderstorm the sign of God’s majestic rule over all creation. The image of God “enthroned above the flood” was used by early Christians as an image of God’s blessing on the waters of baptism.

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

At the end of a dramatic passage in which Peter accepts the call to baptize non-Jews, he summarizes the Gospel message: Jesus was anointed by the spirit of God to heal “all those oppressed by the devil,” and that “healing” applies to all who are called by God.

Entrance Hymn.....When John Baptized by Jordan’s River | # 458
 (Sun. 5pm) To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came | # 457

Gloria From Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius (Inside Hymnal back cover)
 (Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 257

Responsorial Psalm.....Psalm 29 | O. Alstott

R. The Lord will bless his peo - ple with peace.

Gospel Acclamation..... | O. Alstott

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

..... (Sun. 5pm) Festival Alleluia | # 335

Preparation of the Gifts To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came | # 457
 Parish Choir: Pilgrims of Hope – F. Meneghello

Refrain
 Like a flame my hope is burn-ing, may my song a - rise to you:

Source of life that has no end-ing, on life's path I trust in you.

1. Ev - ry na - tion, tongue, and peo - ple find a
 2. God, so ten - der and so pa - tient, dawn of
 3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blow - ing for our

light with - in your Word. Scat - tered fra - gile sons
 hope, you care for all. Heav'n and earth are re -
 God is born in time. Son made man for you

and daugh-ters find a home in your dear Son.
 cre - at - ed by the Spir-it of Life set free.
 and ma - ny who will find the way in him.

..... (Sun. 5pm) The People Who Walked In Darkness | # 453

Preface Acclamation..... From Mass of Saint Cecilia | G. Grisi
 G.G.

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly_ Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven 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.

..... (Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 260

Gospel: Mt 3:13-17

In Matthew's version of the baptism story, John acknowledges Jesus' superiority, but it is only Jesus who sees the Spirit of God descending "like a dove." Presumably it is also only Jesus who hears the voice naming him God's "beloved Son," since there is no reaction from John or the crowd.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 1:32, 34
Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified
that this is the Son of God.



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Memorial Acclamation From Mass of Saint Cecilia | G. Grisi

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

..... (Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 261

Great Amen From Mass of Saint Cecilia | G. Grisi

A - men, A - men, A - men.

..... (Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 264

Fraction Rite From Mass of Saint Cecilia | G. Grisi

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

..... (Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | #265

Communion Procession God is Love - R. Proulx

God is love, and where true love is found,
God is al - ways there.

..... (Sun. 5pm) Come to the Banquet | # 928

Meditation Hymn Baptized in Water | # 919

..... (Sun. 5pm) Love Has Come | # 430

Concluding Hymn The Sinless One

1. The sin - less one to Jor - dan came To
2. Up - ris - ing from the wa - ters there, The
3. A - bove him see the heav'n - ly Dove, The
4. How blest that mis - sion then be - gun To
5. Dear Lord, let those bap - tized from sin Go

share our fal - len na - ture's blame; God's right-eous-ness he
voice from hea-ven did wit - ness bear That he, the Son of
sign of God the Fa - ther's love, Now by the Ho - ly
heal and save a race un - done; Straight to the wild - er -
forth with you, a world to win, And send the Ho - ly

thus ful - filled And chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
God, had come To lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
Spir - it shed U - pon the Son's a - noint - ed head.
ness he goes To wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
Spir - it's pow'r To shield them in temp - ta - tion's hour.

..... (Sun 5pm) Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn | # 430