

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12 JANUARY 2025

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ORDER OF MASS

His Eminence

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

Celebrant and Homilist at Noon

PRELUDE

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

Johann Sebstian Bach (1685-1750)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

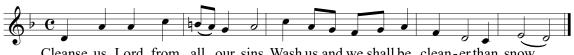
Introit

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



RITE FOR THE BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER



Cleanse us, Lord, from all our sins. Wash us and we shall be clean-er than snow.

GLORIA



LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

PSALM RESPONSE

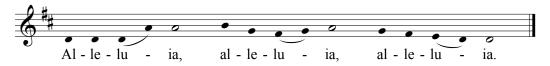
Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30



READING II Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:16



John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have gifted us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

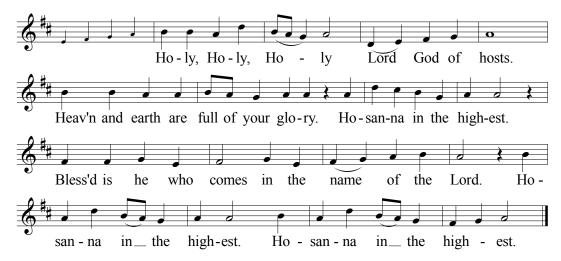
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"Pilgrims of Hope" is the official hymn for the 2025 Jubilee.



PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



GREAT AMEN



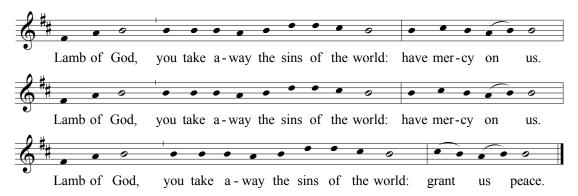
COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

Doxology

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



(Choir) *Missa Secunda*Agnus Dei

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

(cf. John 1:32, 34)

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

COMMUNION PROCESSION



(Choir) When John Baptized by Jordan's River

RENDEZ Á DIEU arr. Peter Latona (b. 1968)

When John baptized by Jordan's river In faith and hope the people came, That John and Jordan might deliver Their troubled souls from sin and shame. They came to seek a new beginning, The human spirit's ageless quest, Repentance, and an end of sinning, Renouncing ev'ry wrong confessed.

There as the Lord, baptized and praying, Rose from the stream, the sinless one, A voice was heard from heaven saying, "This is my own beloved Son." There as the Father's word was spoken, Not in the pow'r of wind and flame, But of his love and peace the token, Seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

O Son of Man, our nature sharing, In whose obedience all are blest, Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing, Hear us and grant us this request: Daily to grow, by grace defended, Filled with the spirit from above: In Christ baptized, beloved, befriended, Children of God in peace and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, ₹ and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

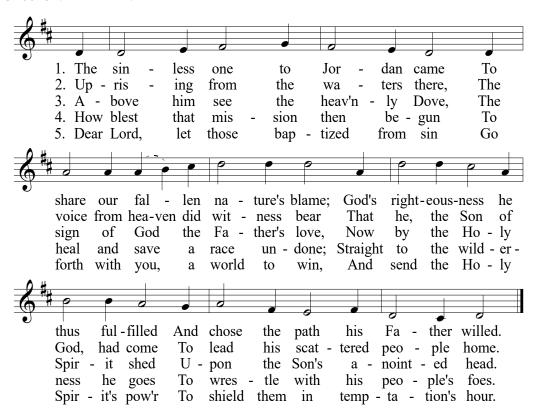
Assembly: Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTIPHON (at Noon Mass)



We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.

RECESSIONAL HYMN



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