

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis, Christum induistis, alleluia.

All you that have been baptised in Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia.

Communion Motet : "Reges Terrae" by Jean Mouton (1459-1522)

The Kings of the earth are gathered; they have come together saying: "Let us go into Judea and look for the One who is born a great King, whose star we have seen"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L Sacro munere satiati, clementiam tuam, Domine, suppliciter exoramus, ut, Unigenitum tuum fideliter audientes, filii tui vere nominemur et simus. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen. *We who have been satisfied by Thy sacred gift humbly pray Thee in Thy mercy, O Lord, that by faithfully hearing Thine Only-begotten Son, we may be Thy sons in truth as well as in name.*

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION ARE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

When we celebrated the Epiphany last Sunday we celebrated not one event, but three. Then we focussed our attention on the coming of the Magi, but it would be a mistake to think that the entire meaning of the Epiphany was contained only in that mysterious event.

Epiphany means "manifestation" in Greek, and today's Feast commemorates the second of these "manifestations" of Christ: His Baptism in the Jor-



dan. The Magnificat Antiphon of Epiphany's Vespers tells us: "*We keep this holy day in honour of three miracles: this day a star led the Wise Men to the manger; this day water was turned into wine at the marriage feast; this day Christ chose to be baptised by John in the Jordan, for our salvation.*"

What is truly remarkable about the event of Our Lord's Baptism is that it is a manifestation of the Blessed Trinity.

Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

A INTROIT

Dilexisti iustitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo laetitiae prae consortibus tuis.

Introductory rite—On arrival at the Altar, the Sacred Ministers genuflect and the Antiphon "Asperges me" is begun. As the choir continue singing this antiphon, the Celebrant sprinkles the congregation with holy water in commemoration of our baptism:

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor. Lavabis me et super nivem dealbabor. Ps. Miserere mei Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. Gloria Patri...

Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be clean. Thou shalt wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Ps. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy...

Kyrie & Gloria from "Missa O Rex Glorae" by Alonso Lobo (1555-1617)

B COLLECT

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui Christum, in Jordane flumine baptizatum, Spiritu Sancto super eum descendente, dilectum Filium tuum sollemniter declarasti, concede filiis adoptionis tuae, ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto renatis, ut in beneplacito tuo iugiter perseverent. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum....per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O Almighty and eternal God, Who didst solemnly declare Christ to be Thy Beloved Son as He was baptised in the river Jordan and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, grant unto Thy adopted children, born of water and the Holy Spirit, that they may continually walk in the way of Thy will.

C First Reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.' Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful .

messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL
Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel, qui facit mirabilia magna solus a saeculo. V. Suscipiant montes pacem populo tuo, et colles iustitiam.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things from the beginning. V. Let the mountains receive peace for Thy people and the hills justice.

E The second reading is from the first letter of St Paul to Titus.
.God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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F GOSPEL ALLELUIA
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Deus Dominus et illuxit nobis.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: God is the Lord, and He has shone upon us.

G GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove, And a voice came from the heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests with you.' Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO I—see Mass book page 25 or 26

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady.

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.

Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

7. **S** UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúginus, *sáncta Dó-i Génitrix: nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-si-tá-tibus: sed a per-í-cu-lis cúnc-tis líbe-ra nos sem-per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be-ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet : “Tribus Miraculis” by Luca Marenzio (1534-1599)

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H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS
Suscipe munera, Domine, in dilecti Filii tui revelatione delata, ut fidelium tuorum oblatio in eius sacrificium transeat, qui mundi voluit peccata miseratus abluere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Receive our gifts, O Lord, which we offer at the feast of Thy Beloved Son's revelation, so that the offering of Thy faithful people may become the sacrifice of Him who of His pity willed to wash away the sins of the world.

J PREFACE
Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus:

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God:

Qui miris signasti mysteriis novum in Jordane lavacrum, ut, per vocem de caelo delapsam, habitare Verbum tuum inter homines crederetur; et, per Spiritum in columbae specie descendentem, Christus Servus tuus oleo perungi laetitiae ac mitti ad evangelizandum pauperibus noscetur.

Who in wonderful mysteries didst show forth a new cleansing in the river Jordan, that through the sound of Thy voice from heaven, Thy Word might be believed to be dwelling among men; and that through the Holy Spirit descending in the form of a dove, Christ Thy servant might be anointed with the oil of gladness, and be recognised as the One sent to bring the Good News to the poor.

Et ideo cum caelorum virtutibus in terris te iugiter celebramus, maiestati tuae sine fine clamantes:

And therefore together with all the powers of heaven, we on earth continually praise Thee, crying out unceasingly to Thy majesty:

Sanctus from plainsong Mass IX—“Cum Iubilo”

S Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt caeli et terra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sánna in excél-sis. Be-ne-díctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sánna in ex-cél-sis.