

Sunday 8 January 2017

The Baptism of Christ

**Processional Hymn**

1. Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!

2. At his word they were created;  
he commanded; it was done:  
heav'n and earth and depths of ocean  
in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining  
of the light of moon and sun,  
evermore and evermore.

3. O that birth for ever blessed,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bare the Saviour of our race;  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore!

4. O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King:  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore.

5. This is he whom seers and sages  
sang of old with one accord;  
whom the writings of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long expected:  
let our songs declare his worth,  
evermore and evermore.

6. Christ, to thee, with God the Father  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be;  
honour, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore.

*Words: Prudentius*

*Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*

## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan  
you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42. 1 – 9 (OT p. 680)*

### Psalm 29

*The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

**The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you / powers of / heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord / glory and/ strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due / to his/ name;  
worship the Lord in the / beauty .of / holiness.

**The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;\* the God of / glory / thunders;  
the Lord is upon the/ mighty / waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in /oper / ation;  
the voice of the Lord is a /glorious/ voice.

**The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

The Lord sits enthroned a / bove the /water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for / ever /more.  
The Lord shall give strength / to his / people;  
the Lord shall give his people the / blessing of / peace.

**The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## New Testament Reading *Acts 10. 34 – 43 (NT p. 126)*

### Gradual Hymn

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.’  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live.’  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
    and all thy day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
    in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
    till trav'ling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar

Tune: KINGSFOLD

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 3. 13 – end (NT p. 3)*

### **Offertory Hymn**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true Son,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun;  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish, c 8<sup>th</sup> Century, tr Mary Byrne

Tune: SLANE

*During Communion Ian Seddon plays Berceuse by Vierne, and the choir sings Sicut Cervus by Palestrina. The text is the beginning of Psalm 42: As the deer longs for the waterbrooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn.**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest and King supreme,  
and at Cana wedding guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest,  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole,  
palsied limbs and fainting soul,  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might,  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest.

4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see his glorious sign.  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the judge appear;  
thou by all wilt be confessed:  
God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth*

*Tune: ST EDMUND*

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Allegro maestoso and Fugue (Sonata no 2)*

Mendelssohn

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