

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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The Agnus Dei is from the Mass by Guerrero

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

“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. Alleluia

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.

Organ Voluntary :Sortie in E Flat” by Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wely

**YOU ARE REMINDED THAT 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.

A INTROIT

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

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

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 “Simile regnum” by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

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.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your god, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him

while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our god who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

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. John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is — keeping his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world -our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, nor with water only, but with water and blood; with the spirit as another witness -since the Spirit is the truth -so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Deus Dominus et illuxit nobis. *upon us.*

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. Mark.

At that time: John the Baptist preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with Thee I am well pleased."

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 Dé-i Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despi-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 : “Magi videntes stellam” by Blasius Amon (1560-1590)

“The wise Magi saw the star as it lead before; By its pure ray they sought the light, and with their gifts that Light adore”

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 nosceretur.

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”

San- ctus, * Sanctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter- ra 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.