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The Agnus Dei is from the *Missa O Rex Glorise* by Lobo

K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis, *All you that have been baptised in Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia.*

Communion Motet is *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."

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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: Fugue in F by J.S. Bach

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The introductory rites of today's Mass reflect the feast which we celebrate today: The Baptism of Our Lord. After the Introit, while the whole congregation is sprinkled with baptismal holy water, the antiphon "Asperges me, Domine" is sung. This antiphon, drawn from psalm 50, tells of the cleansing power of God's grace which washes us clean of our sins.

During this rite we can reflect on the words of St. Maximus of Turin who explains



¹²⁸³ the meaning of Our Lord's Baptism in this way: "Christ is baptised, not that He may be sanctified in the waters, but that He Himself may sanctify the waters, and by His own purification may purify those streams which He touches. For the consecration of Christ is the greater consecration of another element. For when the Saviour is washed, then already for our baptism all water is cleansed and the fount purified, that the grace of the font may be administered to the peoples that come after".

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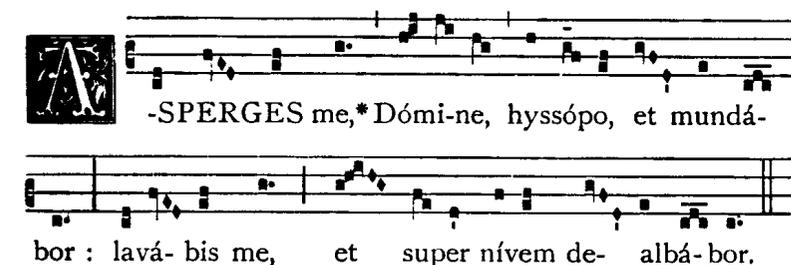
A INTROIT

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.

The Introductory rite at today's Mass is the Sprinkling of Holy Water. After the Introit has been sung, the Celebrant, vested in a cope, stands at the Altar step and intones the Antiphon "Asperges me, Domine". Then he sprinkles the congregation with holy water. Meanwhile all continue the antiphon:

ANTIPHON AT THE SPRINKLING (ps. 50: 7)



The Choir continues the first verse of psalm 50:

Miserere mei Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Gloria Patri...

All repeat: **Asperges me...**

After the sprinkling, the Celebrant sings the absolution "Misereatur nostri omnipotens Deus" and then, having changed his cope for the Mass vestment, the Chasuble, he incenses the Altar while the Choir sings the Kyrie. Mass then continues as usual.

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

Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm: Have pity upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

**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

COLLECT

B Omnipotens sempiternus 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.

First Reading is from the prophet Isaiah

C Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

GRADUAL

D 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.

Second Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.

E Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

F 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.*

GOSPEL . A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

G At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Verbum Domini. **R. Laus tibi, Christe.**

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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 praesi-di-um confúgimus, * sáncta Dé-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 (1550-1599)

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

H 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.

PREFACE

J Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternus Deus: 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. Et ideo cum caelorum virtutibus in terris te iugiter celebramus, maiestati tuae sine fine clamantes:

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