



The Baptism of the Lord

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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN [Please Stand]

Baptized in Water



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, Thank-ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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GLORIA

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4 (21ABC)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10

The Lord will bless his people, bless his people with peace.

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SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Please stand]

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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Verse: The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved son, listen to him.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

PREPARATION HYMN next page

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the brightness of God.
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high - est.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Resur -

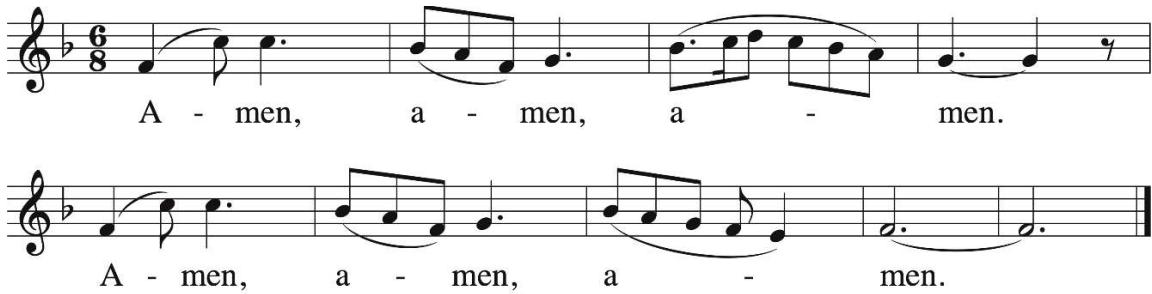
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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GREAT AMEN



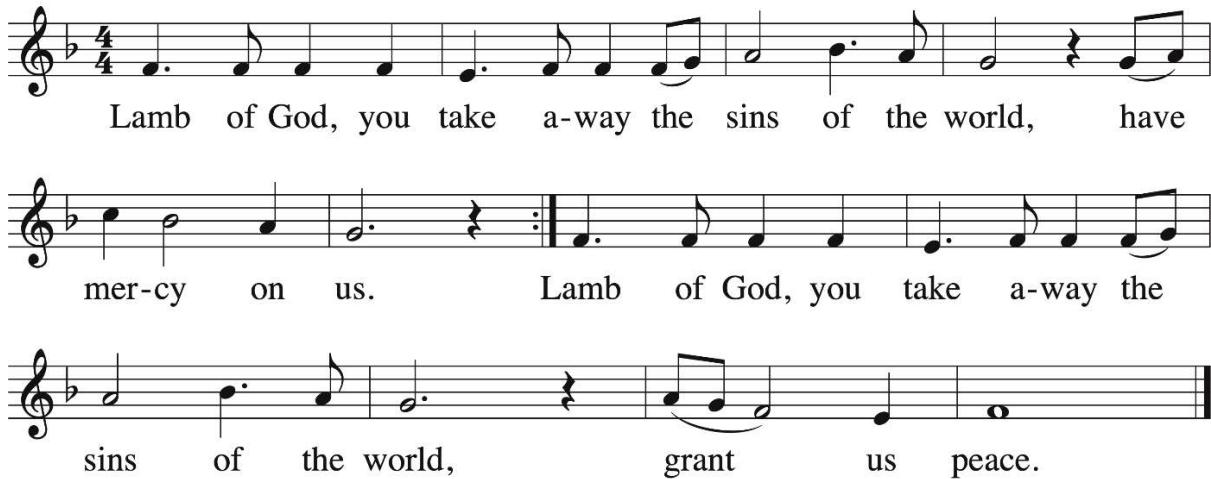
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

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~COMMUNION RITE~

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

V. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lord.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

(For the communion procession, we ask that you form two lines in the center aisle, starting from the front, one row at a time, and then return to your pew by the side aisles. All are welcome to join in the communion procession. If you are not Catholic, or for spiritual, medical, or other reasons receiving Communion is not the right choice for you today, you can still come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest as you approach the priest or deacon.)

COMMUNION HYMN

SPIRIT AND GRACE

Ricky Manalo, CSP

1. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
 2. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
 3. Spir - it and grace, here in this place;
 4. Spir - it of God, send - ing us forth;

1. you are the wind that breathes through the field.
 2. you are the life that flows through the vine.
 3. you are the light that shines in this space.
 4. we spread your wis-dom through-out all the earth.

1. Gath - er the wheat and form us in Christ.
 2. Gath - er this drink and form us in Christ.
 3. Gath - er your peo - ple and form us in Christ.
 4. Gath - er the na - tions and form us in Christ.

1. Come, be our source and breath of life.
 2. Come, be our source and blood of life.
 3. Come, be the heart - beat of our lives.
 4. Come, be the pres - ence in our lives.

Refrain
 In the bread, blessed, bro-ken and shared, Christ is our

life, whose presence we bear. Come, O Spir - it, make your

3 to Verses
 grace re - vealed in this ho - ly meal.

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

RIVER OF GLORY

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
 rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness
 and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of
 God!

1-4 to Verses Final

1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -
 2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
 3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
 4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!
 2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!
 3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
 4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

to Refrain

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What's our new bishop like?

Answered by: Father Jay

In the run-up to Christmas, our new bishop, Most Rev. Mark O'Connell, assembled all the priests of our diocese for an introductory meeting. It was an opportunity for him and us to begin getting to know each other. After beginning with some time for prayer and meditation and small group sharing, he shared with us his own story. He discussed becoming an auxiliary bishop and the work he did in Boston — especially with regard to pastoral planning. From there, he offered some of the takeaways he brings from those years of experience. He then asked us to share, first in small groups and then reporting out to the whole assembly, our worries and hopes for the near future.

Many... MANY... parishioners have been asking me, "What's the new bishop like?" or "What do you think the new bishop will do with pastoral planning/bankruptcy/etc.?" I am glad that now I can start to answer those questions.

My first impression is that he is spiritually grounded while also very practical in his approach to the challenges the Church faces. I believe he does not bring rough-and-ready or cookie-cutter solutions to our problems. Instead, he brings a wealth of relevant knowledge and experience to the table. In particular, I noticed an expertise with synodality. He understood how to work with an assembly of over 100 priests who span at least four generations, from different backgrounds. Some were diocesan like me, some religious like the Siena friars, some native born, some immigrant, active, retired, healthy, infirm, and more! And he led us in a dialogue that was meaningful. This is not an easy thing to do. I have seen our priest gatherings go awry many times, and so his skill will be a wonderful asset going forward. (Believe me, if he can do this with a room full of priests, he can do it with anybody!)

I was also very encouraged by what he shared will be his approach — developed, admittedly, through much trial and error — to pastoral planning. For me, the most welcome shift I see is relief from the timeline of the "Remade for Mission" initiative. Under the former approach, we would have needed final plans by this coming spring. Although we have already accomplished so much in our network, complying with that timeline, within the confines of the process and tools we were being asked to use, would have been to the detriment of our communities individually and to what we have managed to build as a network. So, much work does indeed remain ahead of us. It is probably *years' worth of work*, but it at least seems like we will have the freedom to do so at a reasonable, conscientious pace.

Lastly, Bishop Mark did share he wants to get to see the diocese, visit her communities, and be present to us all through the challenges ahead. So, in time, we can probably expect he will visit each parish individually. For now, though, **please mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, February 13.** There will be a general meet-and-greet for our whole network at the Our Lady of Knock Shrine in East Durham.