



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,  
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community  
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30am**  
**January 12, 2025**

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;  
After the service speak to one another.*

## The Rector's Welcome

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! This time of year calls us to recognize how God's light shines in our lives and community. Just as the star led the wise men to Bethlehem, we should also be attentive to God's guiding presence in our lives. Let's take some time in the new year to deepen our faith, explore new ways of serving others, and carry Christ's light into a world that needs hope and love.

Whether you are a long-time member or visiting us for the first time, we are delighted you are here. Our worship, fellowship, and outreach ministries are dedicated to celebrating God's grace and welcoming all into the life of Christ. If you want to take your place at St. John's, please reach out to a member of the clergy; we are always happy to help parishioners find ways to be more fully engaged.

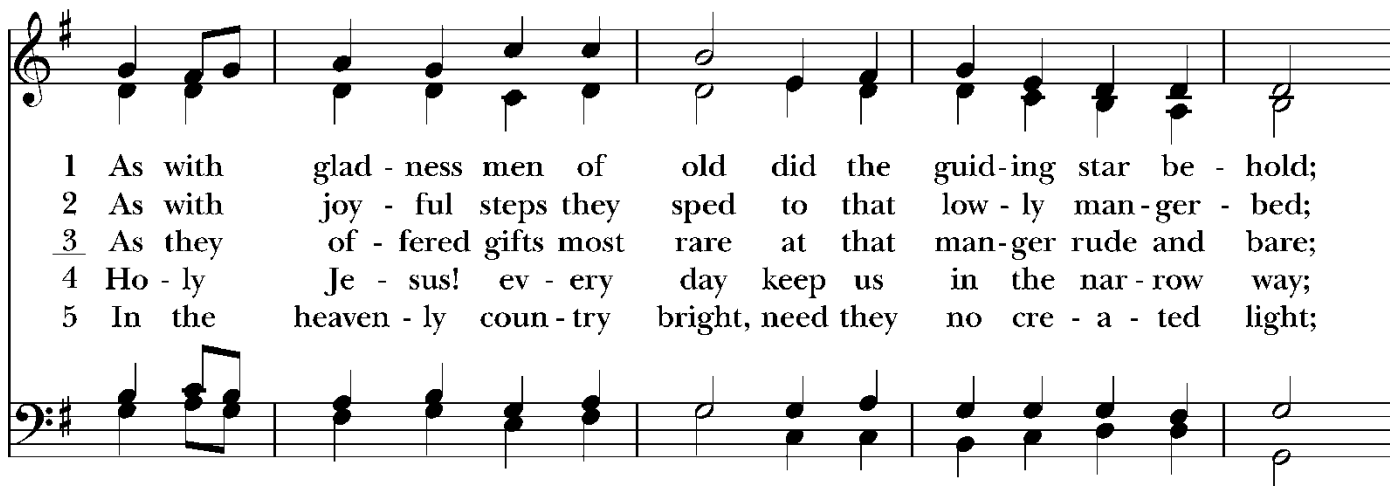
I pray we are all continually filled with wonder and joy as we proclaim the good news of God's love for all people here in Tampa. If you would like to have a meal with a member of the clergy to talk about your faith, discuss a new outreach initiative, or just have a conversation, please reach out to Jan DePinto: [jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org)

Faithfully yours,

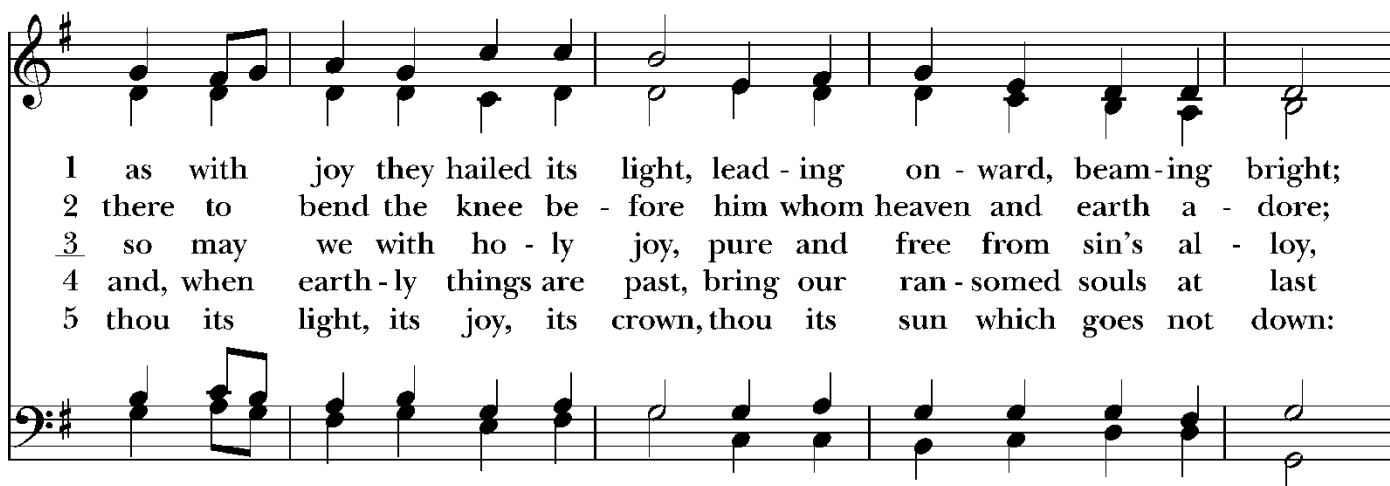
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The Rev. Christian M. Wood

Processional Hymn 119



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

## PROPER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE 294

*Bunessan*

1. Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
born of one Father,  
we are his children,  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people sit*

## THE LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samar'ia had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN 121

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit*

THE SERMON

Father Van Wormer

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

LYDIA MELINDA GODINHO

*Celebrant* The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented, the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the whole congregation saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*All stand.*

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*The Celebrant says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*The altar party, candidates, and family now process to the baptismal font.*

*The Cantor leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*        Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*        Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*        Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*        Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes the petitions with the following prayer*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

                  The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*  
N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead with Chrism the sign of the cross and saying*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.  
**Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays for the newly baptized saying:*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant*

*and People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **THE ASPERGES**

*As the following anthem is chanted by the choir, the Celebrant sprinkles the congregation with blessed water as a reminder of their baptisms.*

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

*Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop,  
and I shall be cleansed:*

*Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made  
whiter than snow.*

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy  
great mercy.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people sit*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem** *There is no rose*

Philip Stopford

*There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu:  
Alleluia*

*The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo:  
Gaudeamus*

*For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space:  
Res miranda*

*Leave we all this worldly mirth  
And follow we this joyful birth:  
Transeamus*

*By that rose we may well see  
There be one God in persons three:  
Pares forma*

*The people stand*

**Hymn 94, Stanza 6**

*Winchester Old*

6. "All glory be to God on high  
and on earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus S130**

Franz Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The remain standing as they are able*

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and people*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following anthem is said*

**Fraction Anthem S-164 Pascha Nostrum**

Franz Schubert

*Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.*

*Celebrant*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.  
If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing  
(indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*or with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

**Communion Motet** *A New Year Carol*

Benjamin Britten

*Sung by the choir*

Here we bring new water  
from the well so clear,  
for to worship God with,  
this happy New Year.

*Refrain:*

Sing levy dew, sing levy dew,  
the water and the wine;  
the seven bright gold wires  
and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of fair maid,  
with gold upon her toe,  
open you the west door,  
and turn the Old Year go. *Refrain*

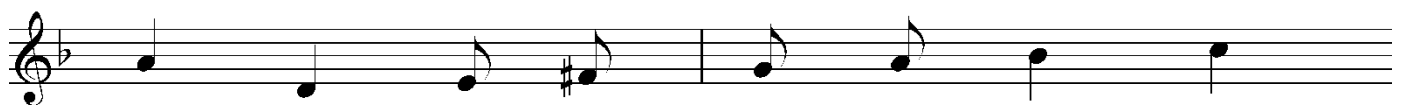
Sing reign of fair maid,  
with gold upon her chin,  
open you the east door,  
and let the New Year in. *Refrain*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

*Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God,  
**heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the ✠blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

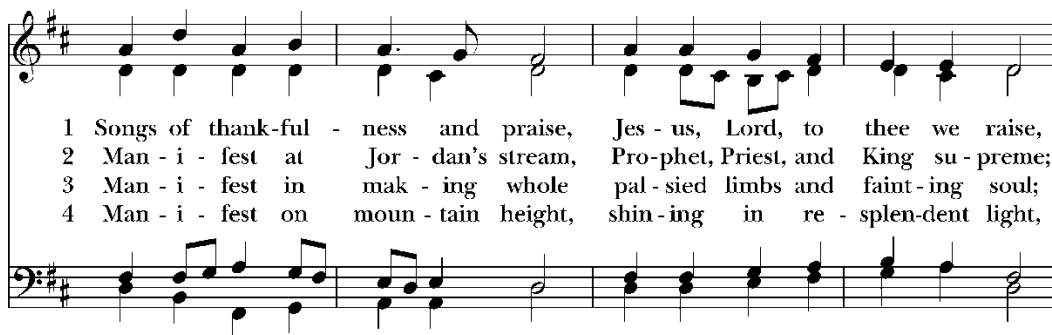
# THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal.*

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

# Processional Hymn 135

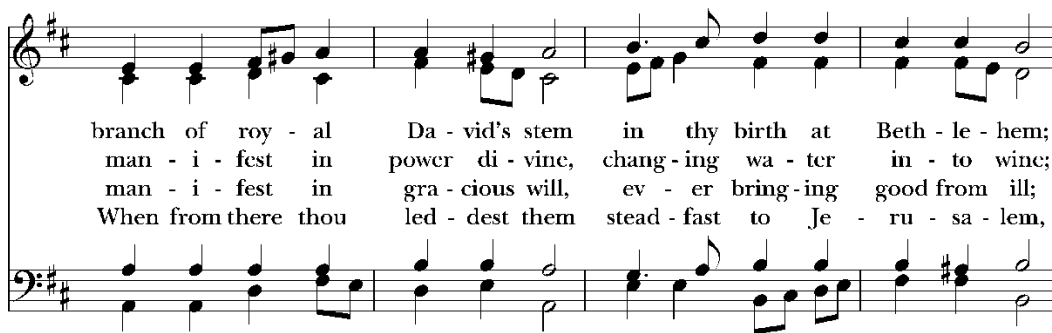
*Salzburg*



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise,    Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream,    Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole    pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height,    shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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Joseph Parrocel (1646-1704), *Baptism of Christ*, The Louvre.



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