

The Order of Vespers

for the Baptism of Our Lord

Hymn

Let Me Now with Gladness Say It (Service Folder, p.5)

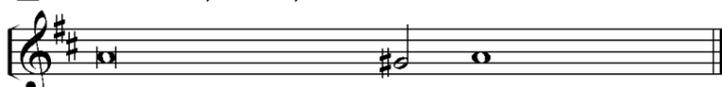
Stand

V O Lord, open my lips.



R And my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

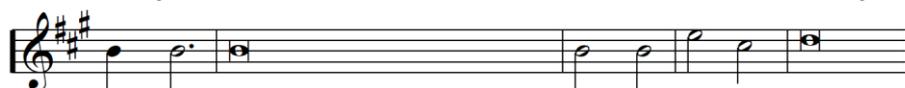
V Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



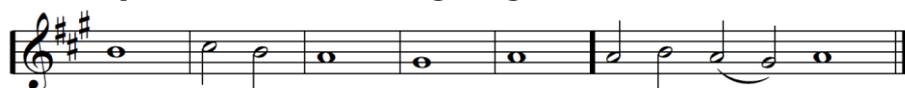
R Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly



Spir-it; as it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be,

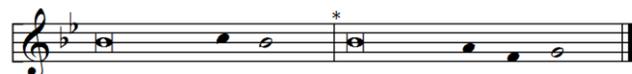


for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalmody

Psalm 2

The verses are chanted antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.



P (*Antiphon*) As for me, I have installed | my king *
upon my holy hill | of Zion.

Why do the na- | tions rage
and the people plot | a vain thing?

The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers take counsel
to- | gether,

against the LORD, and against his | anointed.

“Let us tear off | their bonds
and cast their cords a- | way from us.”

He who dwells in the heavens laughs | at them;
the | Lord mocks them.

Then he shall speak to them in his | anger
and terrify them | with his wrath.

As for me, I have installed | my king
upon my holy hill | of Zion.

I will declare the LORD's decree: He said | to me,
"You are my Son. Today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inher- | itance,
and the ends of the earth for your | possession.

You will break them with an iron | scepter;
you will dash them to pieces like a pot- | ter's vessel."

Now, then, you kings, | be wise!
Be warned, you judges | of the earth!

Serve the LORD | with fear,
and rejoice | with trembling!

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you perish on the way, when his
wrath is kindled but a | little.

Blessed are all who take re- | fuge in him.

**Glorify be to the Father, and to | the Son,
and to the Ho- | ly Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be,
forever- | more. Amen.**

P (*Antiphon*) As for me, I have installed | my king *
upon my holy hill | of Zion.

Sit

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

After each Lesson:

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to You, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Responsory



Arise, shine, for your light | has come
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon | you.

Prayers



C Lord, have mer - cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up-on us.

C 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.

P The Lord be with you.



R And with your spir - it.

The Pastor says one or more Collects. After each, the congregation sings:



R A - men.

P Let us bless the Lord.



R Thanks be to God.

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



R A - men.

Let Me Now with Gladness Say It

Lasset mich voll Freuden sprechen

Erdmann Neumeister, d. 1756

Tr. Paul A. Rydecki, 2020

Baptized Christian

1 Let me now with glad-ness say it: I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!
2 Now no sin shall make me fear-ful. I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!
3 Sa - tan, hear, I now de - cry you! I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!

And though sight may not con-vey it, I'm one of God's chil - dren.
Now my heart is ev - er cheer-ful, Safe in this con - vic - tion:
With this truth I can de - fy you, Greet you with de - ri - sion.

How could all earth's rich - es cheer me When I have this trea-sure near me
I, from guilt and shame un - end - ing, By Bap-ti - sm's ho - ly cleans-ing
Now that I've come to Bap - ti - sm, Vain is all your cri - ti - ci - sm.

Which from death de - liv - ers me, And saves me e - ter - nal-ly?
Have been par-doned and set free, For Christ's blood has sprink-led me.
God's own co - ve - nant makes me Free from your dread ty - ran-ny.

4 When I'm dying I'll declare it:
I'm a baptized Christian!
For I know I'll soon inherit
All the joys of heaven.
Though my flesh in dust is waiting,
I'm in faith anticipating
That Baptism's pow'r divine,
Shall restore this flesh of mine.

5 Such a blessing must provide me
Comfort while I'm living.
And when death is right beside me,
Hope to me it's giving.
Though my heart and eyes are waning,
Still my soul shall be proclaiming:
I'm baptized! With Christ I'm dressed!
I am now forever blessed!

To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ



1 To Jor - dan came our Lord, the Christ, to do God's
 2 So hear ye all, and well per - ceive what God doth
 3 To show us this, He hath His word with signs and
 4 In ten - der man - hood, God the Son in Jor - dan's



plea - sure will - ing, and there was by Saint John bap - tized,
 call Bap - ti - sm, and what a Chris - tian should be - lieve
 sym - bols gi - ven. On Jor - dan's banks was plain - ly heard
 wa - ters stand - eth. The Ho - ly Ghost from hea - ven's gate



all right - eous - ness ful - fill - ing. There did He con - se -
 who er - ror shuns and schi - sm: That we should wa - ter
 the Fa - ther's voice from heav - en: "This is My well - be -
 in dove - like form des - cend - eth; that thus the truth be



crate a bath to wash a - way trans - gres - sion, and
 use, the Lord de - clar - eth it His plea - sure; not
 lov - èd Son, in whom My soul de - light - eth. Hear
 not de - nied, nor should our faith e'er wa - ver, that



quench the bit - ter - ness of death by His own blood and
 sim - ple wa - ter, but the Word and Spir - it with - out
 Him!" Yea, hear Him ev - 'ry one whom He Him - self in -
 all Three Per - sons e'er pre - side at Bap - tism's ho - ly



pas - sion. He would a new life give us.
 mea - sure. He is the true Bap - ti - zer.
 vit - eth. Hear and o - bey His teach - ing.
 la - ver, and dwell with the be - liev - er.

5 Thus Jesus His disciples sent:
Go, teach ye every nation,
That, lost in sin, they must repent,
And flee from condemnation;
He that believes and is baptized,
Obtains a mighty blessing;
A newborn man, no more he dies,
Eternal life possessing,
A rightful heir of heaven.

6 Who in this mercy hath not faith,
Nor aught therein discerneth,
Is yet in sin, condemned to death,
And fire that ever burneth;
His holiness avails him not,
Nor aught which he is doing;
His inborn sin brings all to naught,
And maketh sure his ruin;
Himself he cannot rescue.

7 Blind reason seeth nothing here,
But ordinary water;
Faith seeth Christ, our Savior dear,
The Lamb ordained for slaughter;
It seeth now the fountain red
With the dear blood of Jesus,
Which from the sin inherited
From fallen Adam freeth us,
And from our own misdoings.