



# ST. MARY PARISH

Love ♦ Serve ♦ Grow

The Baptism of the Lord  
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# SEEK THE LORD

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Refrain

\*a. Seek the Lord whose mer-cy a-bounds;  
 \*\*b. *Seek the Lord* while he may be found;

a. call a-loud to God who is near.  
 b. *call to him* while he is still near.

Verses 1-3

1a. To-day is the day \_\_\_ and now the prop-er hour to for-  
 2a. As high as the sky \_\_\_\_\_ is a-bove the earth, ¶ so  
 3a. ¶ O-pen your heart \_ to hear the voice of God, ¶ whose  
 1b. *To-day is the day \_\_\_ and now the prop-er hour to for-*  
 2b. *As high as the sky \_\_\_\_\_ is a-bove the earth, ¶ so*  
 3b. ¶ *Find-ing the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ let us cling to him. ¶ His*

1a. sake our sin - ful lives \_\_\_ and turn to the Lord.  
 2a. high a-bove our ways, \_\_\_ the ways of the Lord.  
 3a. words, whose ways \_\_\_\_\_ ¶ lead us to life.  
 1b. *sake our sin - ful lives \_\_\_ and turn to the Lord.*  
 2b. *high a-bove our ways, \_\_\_ the ways of the Lord.*  
 3b. *words, his ways \_\_\_\_\_ ¶ lead us to life.*

Verse 4

4a. Some-day we'll live in the house of God;  
 4b. *Some-day* we'll live in the house of God;

4a. hearts full of praise for God's gra-cious love.  
 4b. *gaze on his face* and praise \_\_\_ his name.

\*Composer's revised text \*\*Original text

“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise You, we bless You,  
We adore You, we glorify You,  
We give You thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One;  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God, the Father, Amen!

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Reading I

**Is 55:1-11**

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!

You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
come, without paying and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread,  
your wages for what fails to satisfy?

Heed me, and you shall eat well,  
you shall delight in rich fare.

Come to me heedfully,  
listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,  
the benefits assured to David.

As I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander of nations,  
so shall you summon a nation you knew not,  
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,  
because of the LORD, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens  
the rain and snow come down  
and do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
giving seed to the one who sows  
and bread to the one who eats,  
so shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth;  
my word shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,  
achieving the end for which I sent it.

*Responsorial Psalm*

**Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6**

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;  
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel!

## Reading II

### 1 Jn 5:1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

## **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

## **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### *Gospel*

#### **Mk 1:7-11**

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:  
“One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

# CHRIST, THE SUN OF LIGHT

IN DULCI JUBILO



1. O Christ, the Sun of light and grace, You bring the news of
2. We gath - er now from east and west To greet the world's most
3. O Christ, the shin - ing star of morn, In you the dawn of
- \*4. From age to age your sav - ing light Has been our hope and
- \*\*5. O Christ, the font of heav - en's grace, With love you bore the



1. God's em - brace, You who shared in heav - en's might Be -
2. wel - come guest. Christ, the Lord, Em - man - u - el, Has
3. hope is born. Hear the prayers of peace, we pray To
4. heart's de - light. Christ, whose love out - shines the sun, Your
5. world's dis - grace. Ris - ing from the springs of birth You



1. fore the world knew day or night.
  2. come as one with us to dwell.
  3. you who bring the last - ing day.
  4. ho - ly cross our glo - ry won.
  5. wash a - way the sins of earth.
- } Sing we now in



- 1-5. great ac - cord To Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.



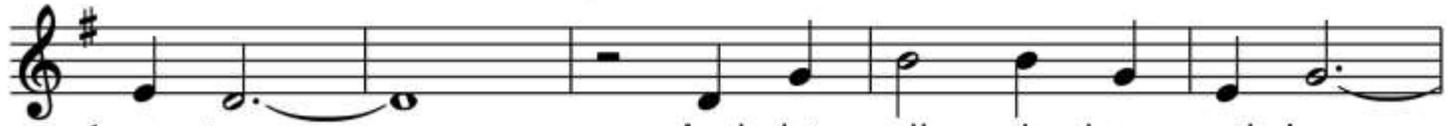
- 1-5. Glo - ry in the high - est Now and ev - er - more!

# COME TO THE WATER

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1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the  
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the  
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the  
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the



1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,  
2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,  
3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,  
4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,



1. let them come to the Lord: with - out  
2. let them come to the Lord: with - out  
3. let them come to the Lord: all who  
4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the



1. mon - ey, with - out price. Why should you pay the  
2. mon - ey, with - out strife. Why should you spend your  
3. la - bor, with - out rest. How can your soul find  
4. chil - dren with - out might. Eas - y the load and



1. price, ex - cept for the Lord?  
2. life, ex - cept for the Lord?  
3. rest, ex - cept for the Lord?  
4. light: 7 come to the Lord.

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## **For the Healing of the Nations**

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1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love and action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us now, Lord, into freedom,  
From despair your world release;  
That redeemed from war and hatred,  
All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase. Amen.

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## **Prayer to St. Michael**

St. Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle,

Be our protection against the wickedness

and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray.

And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,

by the Power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil

spirits who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -  
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our  
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

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