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JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACHING IN THE WILDERNESS-
MICHELANGELO CERQUOZZI (1602-1660)



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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Processional Hymn

On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

The Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God / and to you, my brothers and sisters, /
that I have greatly sinned / in my thoughts and in my words, /
in what I have done, / and in what I have failed to do; / **through my fault, through
my fault, / through my most grievous fault;** / therefore
I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, / all the Angels and Saints, / and you, my brothers
and sisters, / to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie

Mass of Emmanuel

Response: Cantor, then ALL

1, 3. Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. _____

2. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. _____

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note. The second staff also begins with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14 (8)



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to
his people.

Near indeed is his salvation to those who
fear him,
glory dwelling in our land. *R.*

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from
heaven. *R.*

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps. *R.*

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8–14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Emmanuel

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Proclamation

Mark 1:1–8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, ***and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Ready the Way

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,

to Refrain

1. and read-y the way of the Lord.

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-
2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace

to Refrain

2. and } read-y the way for you, Lord.
3. as we

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Preface Dialogue and Preface

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and
glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Sanctus

Mass of Emmanuel

Josh Blakesley & Rich Grillone

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord
God of hosts. Heav - en and earth
are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est,
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystérium Fidei

Mass of Emmanuel

Josh Blakesley & Rich Grillone

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord,
 and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un -
 til you come a - gain, un -
 til you come a - gain.

Amen

Mass of Emmanuel

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

Josh Blakesley & Rich Grillone

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world,
 1, 2. have mer - cy on us.
 3. grant us peace.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

Mass of Emmanuel

VENI VENI EMMANUEL

Josh Blakesley & Rich Grillone

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world,
1, 2. have mer - cy on us. 3. grant us peace.

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

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

Communion Hymn


Patience, People

Refrain




Pa-tience, peo - ple, till the Lord is come.

Verses



1. See the farm - er a - wait the yield of the soil. He watch - es
2. You have seen the pur - pose of the Lord. You know of
3. Stead - y your hearts, for the Lord is close at hand. And do not



1. it in win - ter and in spring rain. }
2. his com - pas - sion and his mer - cy. } Pa-tience,
3. grum - ble, one a - gainst the oth - er. }



1-3. peo - ple, for the Lord is com - ing.

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Prayer to St. Michael

Saint 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.

Recessional Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long__ ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and
peo - ple free! From our fears__ and sins re - lease__ us,
yet__ a King: Born to reign__ in us for - ev - er,
Let us find our rest__ in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own__ e - ter - nal Spir - it
Hope of all__ the earth__ Thou art; Dear__ de - sire__ of
Rule in all__ our hearts a - lone; By__ Thine all - suf -
ev__ 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to__ Thy glo - rious throne.