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THE GREAT LITANY with LITURGY OF THE WORD: RITE II and RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Sung in unison.

OPENING, HYMN 128 (verses 1 & 2): We three kings of Orient are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

THE GREAT LITANY

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(The peoples' responses are in bold)

Presider O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Presider O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Presider O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Presider O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Presider Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

People **Spare us, good Lord.**

Presider From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Presider We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

***People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to illumine Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Susan, Jennifer, and Poster, Bishops of the diocese of Virginia, and all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

***Presider* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

***People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

***People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

***People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

***People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

***People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President-elect, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

***People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, especially Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Hong Kong, Israel, North Korea, the Palestinian Authority, South Korea, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine and the United States of America; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, especially Harry, Kathy, Ted, Bud, Bob, Marge, Jim, Cathy, Jim, Clarence, Martha, Winnie, Beth, Kristen, Alice, Henri, Karen, Roy, Magda, Julianna, Clara Sue, Eileen, Sharon, Jeff, Lenora, John, Catherine, Teresa, Dorothy Jane, Richard, Stuart, Laura, and Tony,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, especially Alan Gaston.

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, St. Francis of Assisi, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

Presider **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

Presider O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Presider O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Presider O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **Grant us thy peace.**

Presider O Christ, hear us.
People **O Christ, hear us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sung in unison.

SONG OF PRAISE, HYMN 533: How wondrous and great thy works, God of
praise!

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

The image shows musical notation for two parts of a hymn. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two versions: '1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!' and '2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;'. The music consists of simple chords and single notes, suitable for unison singing.



How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed* Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for a moment*)

Presider 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.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Reader A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** *(Silence)*

The people respond with the refrain.

RESPONSE: Psalm 29, *Afferte Domino*

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- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**Refrain: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**Refrain: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**Refrain: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Refrain: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung in unison.

SEQUENCE, HYMN 121: Christ, when for us you were baptized

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.

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Music: *Caitness*, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*; 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON: David Lucey

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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Presider Dear Friends, through our Lord's appearance at the Jordan to be baptized by John, we are reminded of our need to be washed from sin and restored as God's beloved. I call upon you, therefore, to renew your solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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 at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider 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.**

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

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

Presider 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.**

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

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

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

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

Presider 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.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Sung in unison.

HYMN 124 (verses 1, 2, 3): What star is this

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau-teous
2 True spake the pro-phet from a-far who told the
3 The guid-ing star a-bove is bright; with-in them
4 O Je-sus, while the star of grace im-pels us
5 To God the Fa-ther, heaven-ly Light, to Christ, re-

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.
 Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

Presider May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

Presider May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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