

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**



**“Jesus Teaching,” by Jorge Cocco**

Argentinian Jorge Cocco [b.1936] calls his modern, cubism-style art “sacrocubism” since he uses it to create religious or sacred scenes.

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

CP 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to  
Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before  
Thee,

Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide  
Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may  
not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth,  
and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you no secrets are hidden.  
 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.**

Trisagion: Holy God,  
 Holy and mighty,  
 Holy and immortal one,  
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 89:5-37    *Refrain: You have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.*

<sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

<sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,

<sup>7</sup> a God feared in the council of the holy ones, great and awesome above all that are around him?

<sup>8</sup> O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O Lord? Your faithfulness surrounds you.

<sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

<sup>10</sup> You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

<sup>11</sup> The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.

<sup>12</sup> The north and the south—you created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

<sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.

<sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

<sup>16</sup> they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength; by your favour our horn is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>19</sup> Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: 'I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

<sup>20</sup> I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

- <sup>21</sup> my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.
- <sup>22</sup> The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.
- <sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.
- <sup>4</sup> My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.
- <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.
- <sup>26</sup> He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"
- <sup>27</sup> I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.
- <sup>28</sup> For-ever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.
- <sup>29</sup> I will establish his line for ever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.
- <sup>30</sup> If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,
- <sup>31</sup> if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,
- <sup>32</sup> then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;
- <sup>33</sup> but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.
- <sup>34</sup> I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.
- <sup>35</sup> Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.
- <sup>36</sup> His line shall continue for ever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.
- <sup>37</sup> It shall be established for ever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies.'

### The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Matthew 12:15-21

- <sup>15</sup> When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them,
- <sup>16</sup> and he ordered them not to make him known.
- <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
- <sup>18</sup> 'Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
- <sup>19</sup> He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.
- <sup>20</sup> He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smouldering wick until he brings justice to victory.
- <sup>21</sup> And in his name the Gentiles will hope.'

CP 577 God of Grace, and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
 now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower,  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.  
 Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
 armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 6367165 We Believe

1 In this time of desperation  
 When all we know is doubt and fear  
 There is only one foundation  
 We believe we believe  
 In this broken generation  
 When all is dark You help us see  
 There is only one salvation  
 We believe we believe

***Chorus***

***We believe in God the Father  
 We believe in Jesus Christ  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit  
 And He's given us new life  
 We believe in the crucifixion  
 We believe that He conquered death  
 We believe in the resurrection  
 And He's coming back again  
 (We believe)***

2 So let our faith be more than anthems  
 Greater than the songs we sing  
 In our weakness and temptations  
 We believe we believe

***Bridge***

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
 In the here and now let love invade  
 Let the church live loud our God will save  
 We believe we believe  
 And the gates of hell will not prevail  
 For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
 Now we know Your love will never fail  
 We believe we believe

***Ending***

He's coming back again  
 He's coming back again  
 We believe we believe

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

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

Healing Litany:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: Sandra..... Merle.....  
 Mary..... Irene ..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Florence..... Lisa and Joe..... Marijke.....  
 Diane..... Janelle..... Sandy..... Evelyn..... Sarah..... Terry..... Ken..... Monica.....  
 Julie..... Lucas..... Helen..... Cody..... Judy..... Ruth..... Jody and Michael..... David  
 L..... Kathy..... Joy..... Melody and her family..... Pauline.....Jorges and Janine.....  
 Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Lynn..... Irvin and Margaret...

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

**Hear and have mercy**

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

**Hear and have mercy**

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Give courage to all who await surgery. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Strengthen those who endure continual pain and give them hope. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Uphold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease. We pray to you, O God,

**Hear and have mercy**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Hear and have mercy.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Hear and have mercy**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**Hear and have mercy**

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen

### Collect

Eternal Father,  
 who at the baptism of Jesus  
 revealed him to be your Son,  
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
 keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
 faithful to their calling;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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,**  
**the power, and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

### CP 12 We Bless You, God of Israel

1 We bless you, God of Israel;  
 you come to set your people free.  
 In Jesus, born of David's line,  
 salvation springs for all to see.

2 You promised through the prophets' word  
 to save your people from their foes;  
 in freedom they will worship you;  
 [rest] fearless, delivered from their woes.

3 This child will go before the Lord,  
 the vanguard of Messiah's way,  
 [rest] preaching forgiveness full and free-  
 the prelude to God's perfect day.

4 Your tender love, like early dawn,  
 [rest] heralds the day of endless peace;  
 the darkness of death's shadow fades;  
 your justice reigns, and will not cease.

### The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of  
 the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**