



Baptism of Our Lord

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Excerpts from Symphony 1, Opus 68

Johannes Brahms

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Dedication, Opus 39

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

L: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

L: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW #310

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Brand of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
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Gospel: Luke 3:1-22 **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time
Sermon

Hymn of the Day: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright ELW #308

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Of Jacob’s line, King David’s son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only!
Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!
2. Come, precious diamond, light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth’s deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,
Yet with heav’nly joy you bless us.
3. Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heavn’ly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us
God’s own love through you has reached us.
4. Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth’s foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above:
This is your great salvation.
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

5. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way – today, tomorrow, ev’ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
6. What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace, transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of Gladness! We are yearning
For the day of your returning.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. We appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and money to this work! If you are worshiping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God’s people and God’s world! Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated, and can be made on-line by tapping the easy-to-use GIVE button in our New Hope app, available for your smart phone here: <https://tithely.app.link/new-hope-lutheran-church>, by using the automatic bill paying service offered by your bank, or by sending a check to New Hope via US mail (3125 5th Ave S. GF, 59405). As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God’s goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. Thank you!)

Offertory Music: Intermezzo, Opus 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

Offertory Prayer: **Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring: our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... “Hear us, O God... **your mercy is great.**”

Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **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.**

BLESSING & SENDING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God: the Father, the +Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song: On Jordan's Banks

ELW #249

1. On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tiding of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Rhapsody, Opus 119, No. 4

Johannes Brahms

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Worship Assistant: Jodie Tooley

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Prayer Focus: Baptism (In your prayers this week, you are encouraged to continue to give thanks for God's gift of Holy Baptism.)

Keeping in Prayer... Jennifer, Scot, Ben, Morgan, Jillian, Kate, Larry & Judy, Dave & Carrie, Tara, Mary, Fred & Erin, Bud, Honor, Brandon, Dorothy, Tricia, Deb, Lincoln, Mitchel, Betty, Betty Jo, Bob, Steven, Charlie & her family, Megan, Marissa, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley, Loren & Elaine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Thanks to those who volunteered this past week at FISH!**
- **Executive Committee meets on Wednesday, 1/13, at 4 pm via Zoom.**
- **Cooperative Ministry Task Force meets on Thursday, 1/14, at 7 pm via Zoom.**
- **Next Sunday (1/17) there will be a Question/Answer forum held on Zoom at 11:00 am following the worship service. This is an opportunity to ask questions about information contained in the annual meeting report books and a practice session for holding the annual meeting on Zoom.**
- **Annual Report Books were mailed out on Jan. 5th. Please call the church office if you have not yet received yours.**
- **The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION is Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 11:00 am following the worship service. Please note: Our congregation's constitution stipulates that voting members must be on record annually as having communed and contributed financial support for the ministry here.**

HORN THEME

from Symphony No.1

31

2 minutes

Sw. Horn $\textcircled{D\#}$
Gt. Soft 8' \textcircled{E}
Ped. Soft 8' Ped. 43, Chorus

JOHANNES BRAHMS
Arr. by L.N. Porter

Andante. $\text{♩} = 66$

\square Gt. $\textcircled{D\#}$

\circ Sw. \textcircled{E}

mf molto sostenuto

V-

\textcircled{F} Gt. Add Sw. to Gt.

\square Gt.

$\textcircled{F\#}$ Sw. Oboe $\textcircled{D\#}$

\textcircled{G} *pp* Sw. String \textcircled{C}

\square Gt.

cresc.

f

rit.

V

ALLEGRO ALLA MARCIA

From the First Symphony

1½ or 2¼ minutes

Sw. Diaps. and Flutes 8', 4', Oboe

Gr. Diaps. 8', Sw. to Gt.

Ped. Bourdon 16', 8', Sw. to Ped.

G

F

Ped. 43

JOHANNES BRAHMS

Arr. by Homer Whitford

Allegro ma non troppo ♩ = 104

First System: Piano introduction in 4/4 time. Bass clef. Dynamics: *f*. Markings: *Sw.* (swell). Notes: Quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.

Second System: Continuation of the piano part. Bass clef. Notes: Quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.

Third System: Introduction of the guitar (Gt.) in the treble clef. Notes: Quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.

Fourth System: Continuation of the guitar part. Includes a *rit.* (ritardando) marking, a repeat sign, and a *a tempo* marking. Notes: Quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.

Gt. Add Diap. 4' (first time)

Repeat ad lib.

rit.

ff a tempo

rit. poco a poco

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Dedication

1¾ minutes

Sw. Strings 8, 4

Gt. Flutes 8, 4

Ped. Soft 16 and 8

D

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Ped. 42, Chorus ad lib.

JOHANNES BRAHMS, Op. 39

Arr. by John Scriveyner

Gently ♩ = 84 .

mp

Sw.

*poco cresc.**mf**a tempo**rit.**mp*

Gt.

First system of the musical score. The treble and bass staves are in G major. The treble staff features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. The bass staff has a simple harmonic accompaniment. A dynamic marking *cresc. e rit.* is placed above the treble staff in the fifth measure.

Second system of the musical score. The treble staff continues with chords and eighth-note patterns. The bass staff has a simple harmonic accompaniment. A dynamic marking *mf* is placed above the treble staff in the first measure, followed by a bracketed instruction *a tempo* and a switch symbol *Sw.*. A dynamic marking *cresc.* is placed above the treble staff in the sixth measure.

Third system of the musical score. The treble staff features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. The bass staff has a simple harmonic accompaniment. A dynamic marking *f* is placed above the treble staff in the third measure, followed by a dynamic marking *dim.* in the fourth measure.

Fourth system of the musical score. The treble staff features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. The bass staff has a simple harmonic accompaniment. A dynamic marking *mp* is placed above the treble staff in the second measure, followed by a dynamic marking *slower* in the fourth measure. A dynamic marking *rit. e dim.* is placed above the treble staff in the fifth measure, and a dynamic marking *p* is placed above the treble staff in the sixth measure.

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Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-22 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 3:1-22

New Revised Standard Version

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler[a] of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler[b] of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler[c] of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” 11 In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 14 Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,[d] 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with[e] the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. 19 But Herod the ruler,[f] who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him

in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;[g] with you I am well pleased." [h]

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INTERMEZZO

27

2¾ minutes

Sw. Flutes 8' and 4'

Gt. Flutes and Strings 8' and 4'

Ped. Bourdon 16' and Dulciana 16'

F

F

Ped. 41, Chorus

JOHANNES BRAHMS
Arranged and abridged from Opus 118,
No. 2, by David Paxton

Andante teneramente ♩ = 63*mp*

□ Gt.

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This musical score is for a piano piece, Op. 2-73-28, written in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The score is organized into four systems, each consisting of three staves: a grand staff (treble and bass clef) and a separate bass line.

System 1: The first system begins with a treble staff featuring a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, and a bass staff with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) appears at the end of the system.

System 2: The second system continues the melodic and accompanimental patterns. The treble staff includes some chords and rests, while the bass staff maintains the eighth-note flow.

System 3: The third system introduces a new melodic phrase in the treble staff, marked with a *p* (piano) dynamic. The bass staff continues with eighth notes. A *cresc.* (crescendo) marking is placed over the final measure of the system.

System 4: The fourth system concludes the piece. It features a *poco rit.* (poco ritardando) marking, followed by a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic and the instruction *a tempo* (return to tempo). The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with eighth notes.

First system of musical notation. The treble clef staff contains a melodic line with a long slur over the first six measures. The bass clef staff contains a rhythmic accompaniment. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *rit.* (ritardando). A fermata is present over the final measure of the treble staff. A circled 'Sw.' (Swell) is also indicated.

Second system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melodic line. The bass clef staff continues the rhythmic accompaniment. The tempo marking *meno mosso* (less motion) is present.

Third system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melodic line. The bass clef staff continues the rhythmic accompaniment. The tempo marking *un poco animato* (a little animated) is present. A *cresc.* (crescendo) marking is also present.

Fourth system of musical notation. The treble clef staff continues the melodic line. The bass clef staff continues the rhythmic accompaniment. The tempo marking *più lento* (more slowly) is present. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte), *rit.* (ritardando), *p* (piano), and *pp* (pianissimo).

Offertory Prayer: **Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Hear us, O God... **your mercy is great.**"

Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **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.**

BLESSING & SENDING

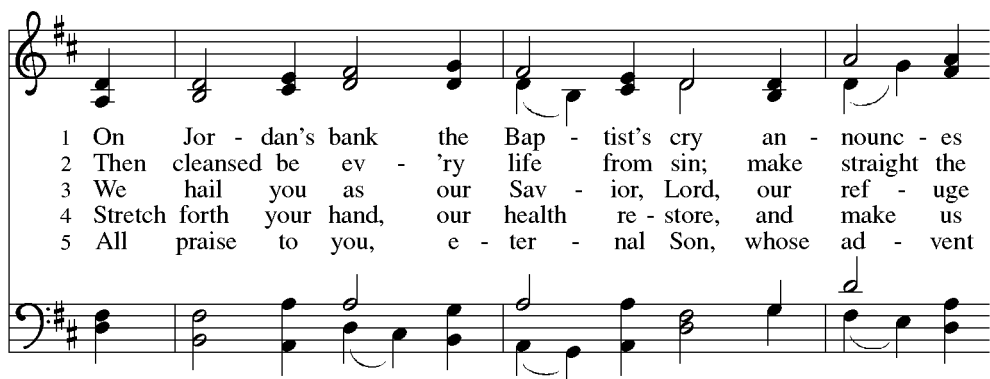
The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God: the Father, the +Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song: On Jordan's Banks


ELW #249

1. On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tiding of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

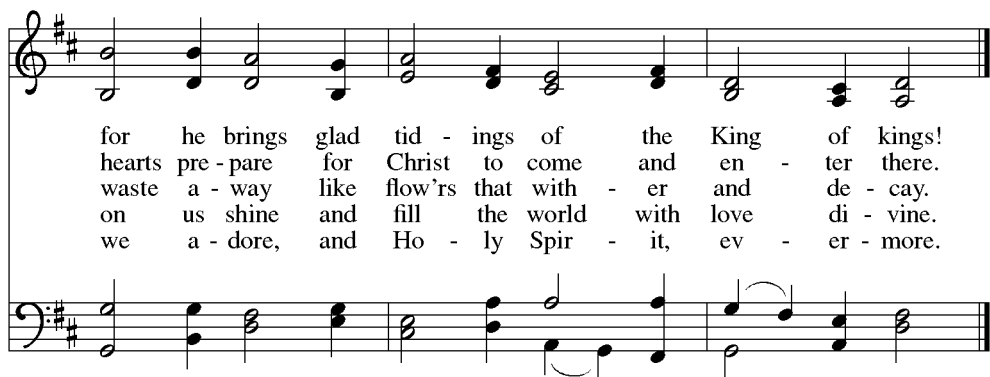
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God!**
Postlude: Rhapsody, Opus 119, No. 4

Johannes Brahms

RHAPSODY

11

2 minutes

Sw. Full, except 16'

Gt. Full, except 16', Sw. to Gt.

Ped. Full, Gt. to Ped.

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G

Ped. 65

JOHANNES BRAHMS
Arranged by Franklin Ritter from
Opus 119, No. 4

Allegro risoluto ♩ = 69**ff**

Gt.

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This musical score is for a piano and guitar piece, spanning 12 measures. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The score is organized into four systems, each with three staves: a grand staff (treble and bass clef) for the piano and a single staff for the guitar.

- Measure 1:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note B-flat. The guitar plays a half note B-flat.
- Measure 2:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note D-flat. The guitar plays a half note D-flat.
- Measure 3:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note F. The guitar plays a half note F.
- Measure 4:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note A-flat. The guitar plays a half note A-flat.
- Measure 5:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note B-flat. The guitar plays a half note B-flat.
- Measure 6:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note D-flat. The guitar plays a half note D-flat.
- Measure 7:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note F. The guitar plays a half note F.
- Measure 8:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note A-flat. The guitar plays a half note A-flat.
- Measure 9:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note B-flat. The guitar plays a half note B-flat.
- Measure 10:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note D-flat. The guitar plays a half note D-flat.
- Measure 11:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note F. The guitar plays a half note F.
- Measure 12:** The piano right hand has a whole rest. The piano left hand plays a half note A-flat. The guitar plays a half note A-flat.

Dynamic markings include **F** (forte) at the beginning of measures 5 and 9. A guitar entry is marked **Gt.** at the start of measure 9. A **rit.** (ritardando) marking is present in measure 11. A **a tempo** marking is present in measure 10.

Musical score for piano, consisting of four systems of staves. The score is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It features various musical notations including chords, single notes, and dynamic markings such as *mf*, *f*, and *fff*. The piece concludes with a *molto rit.* (molto ritardando) instruction.