

**Sunday 9 January 2022**

**The Baptism of The Lord**

*Liturgical Colour: White.*

**Readings at Mass**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Mt 3: 16-17**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were  
opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased.

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**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River  
Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Or:**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
has appeared in our very flesh,  
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly  
transformed  
through him whom we recognize as outwardly like  
ourselves.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

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**First reading**

**Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:  
Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of  
right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and  
light of the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**The word of the Lord**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30**

*R/ Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great  
you are.*

1. Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. *R/*
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servant. *R/*
3. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. *R/*
4. All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. *R/*
5. You hide your face, they are dismayed;  
you take back your spirit, they die.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. *R/*

dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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## Second reading

**Acts 10:34-38**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

### The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

**cf.Lk3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

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## Gospel

**Luke 3:15-16,21-22**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a

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## The Gospel of the Lord

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings  
we have brought to honour the revealing of your  
beloved Son,

so that the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him  
who willed in his compassion  
to wash away the sins of the world.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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## Communion Antiphon

**Jn 1: 32, 34**

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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## Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children in name and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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