

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**All: 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.**

### GREETING, PENITENTIAL RITE

### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4-6

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;

among the nations make known his deed,

proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;

let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist 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." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

## HOMILY

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 (now) 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL      “Lord, hear our prayer.”

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through  
Your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through  
your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

People: **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.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**  
It is truly right and just.....  
.....  
.....And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions, and with all hosts  
and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

HOLY **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

### MYSTERY OF FAITH

*After the words of Institution of the Eucharist, the Priest sings or says:*

The mystery of faith:

All: **Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven.....  
.....but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

## RITE OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

*The people exchange a sign of peace.*

## LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Priest:* 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.**

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION—*ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI*

*(For those who are unable to physically receive Communion with us today.)*

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

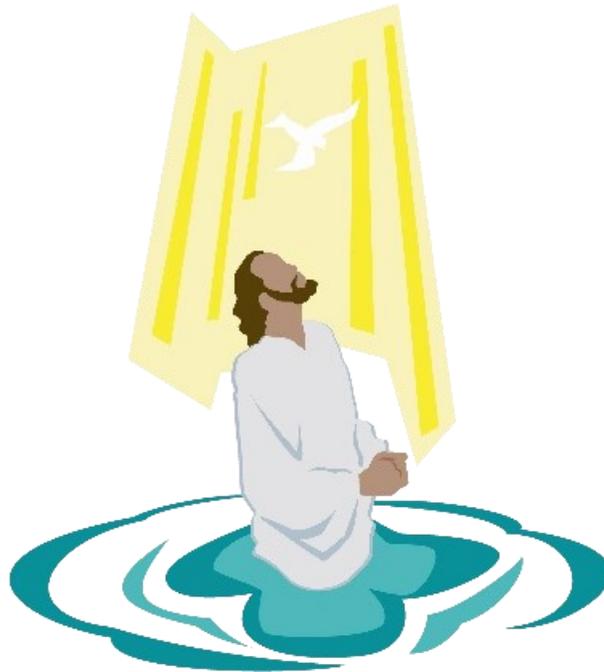
All: **Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

COMMUNION PROCESSION

*If you are not of the Catholic faith, or do not wish to receive Communion today,  
you may join procession, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING and DISMISSAL



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