



11 JANUARY 2026 ❖ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



JESUS, THE SON / SERVANT OF THE FATHER AND OUR BROTHERS

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan is the second great epiphany, revealing who he is and the mission he has received. The Father's voice proclaims him as the Son and Servant, filled with the Spirit and sent to bring justice to the world. This mission will also lead Him to carry the burden of humanity's sin. The baptism of Jesus recalls our own, when God claimed us as His beloved children and we become sisters and brothers of Jesus. It is this gift of dignity that invites us to the Eucharistic table. Let us take part today with grateful hearts and loving awareness of what this calling means.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

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. (Cf. Mt 3:16-17)

GREETING

P – Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All – And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P – Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Lord's forgiveness, for

he is full of gentleness and compassion. (Pause)

P – Lord Jesus, by your baptism you showed your readiness to atone for our sins. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – Lord Jesus, at your baptism you were proclaimed God's beloved Son. Christ, have mercy.

All – Christ, have mercy.

P – Lord Jesus, at your baptism you were anointed with the Holy Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Al – Amen.

GLORIA

All – Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,

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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.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

P – 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,
 God, for ever and ever.
All – Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Is 42:1-4.6-7

R – A reading from the Book of the Prophet
 Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

**“Here is my servant whom I uphold,
 my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
 upon whom I have put my spirit;
 he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
 not crying out, not shouting,
 not making his voice heard in the street.
 A bruised reed he shall not break,
 and a smoldering wick he shall not
 quench,
 until he establishes justice on the earth.
 The coastlands will wait for his teaching.
 I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of
 justice,**

**I have grasped you by the hand.
 I formed you, and set you
 as a covenant of the people,
 a light for the nations,
 to open the eyes of the blind,
 to bring out prisoners from confinement,
 and from the dungeon, those who live in
 darkness.”**

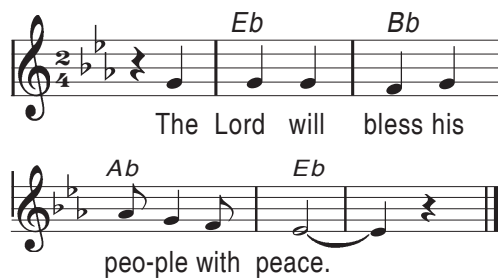
**The word of the Lord.
 All – Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R – The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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- Give to the Lord, you sons of God,
 give to the Lord glory and praise,
 give to the Lord the glory due his name;
 adore the Lord in holy attire. **R.**
- The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
 the Lord, over vast waters.
 The voice of the Lord is mighty;
 the voice of the Lord is majestic. **R.**
- The God of glory thunders,
 and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
 The Lord is enthroned above the flood;
 the Lord is enthroned as king forever. **R.**

2nd Reading

Acts 10:34-38

R – A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to
 the Ephesians

**Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered
 in the house of Cornelius, saying:
 “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
 Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and
 acts uprightly
 is acceptable to him.
 You know the word that he sent to the
 Israelites
 as he proclaimed peace through Jesus
 Christ, who is Lord of all –
 what has happened all over Judea,
 beginning in Galilee after the baptism**

that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the
devil,
for God was with him.”

The word of the Lord.
All – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 2:2

All – Alleluia, alleluia.
The heavens were opened and the voice of the
Father thundered:
“This is my beloved Son, listen to him.”
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 3:13-17

P – The Lord be with you.
All – And with your spirit.
P – A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew
All – Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John
at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
John tried to prevent him, saying,
“I need to be baptized by you,
and yet you are coming to me?”
Jesus said to him in reply,
“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us
to fulfill all righteousness.”
Then John allowed him.
After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove and coming upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
All – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All – I believe in one God,
the Father 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
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. *(All genuflect and pause after
reciting this sentence.)*
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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P – Today, we recall Jesus’ formal investiture as
“the Servant of the Lord” who will take upon
himself the sins of the world. With gratitude for
God’s generosity, let us pray:

All – Merciful God, hear us.

C – For the Christians of different traditions:
may they find in the common baptism the
source of their unity and cooperation. Let us
pray. R.

C – For Pope Francis and all religious leaders:
may they successfully pursue the efforts to
reach an ever greater unity around Christ, the
Son and Servant of the Father. Let us pray. R.

C – For those who have forgotten the meaning
of their baptism: May the Holy Spirit renew
in them the fruits of His presence and make
them once again active members of the
Church. Let us pray. R.

C – For the poor, the sick, and the jobless: may they find in the Christian community the support and help they need. Let us pray. **R.**

P – Father, at his baptism, Jesus accepted to carry the crushing burden of our sins. May we lighten that burden by honoring the commitments of our baptism. We ask this through the same Jesus, our brother and Lord.

All – Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P – Pray, brethren . . .

All – 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

P – Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honor 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.

All – Amen.

PREFACE: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

P – The Lord be with you.

All – And with your spirit.

P – Lift up your hearts.

All – We lift them up to the Lord.

P – Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All – It is right and just.

P – It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the waters of the Jordan
you revealed with signs and wonders a new
Baptism,
so that through the voice that came down

from heaven
we might come to believe in your Word dwelling
among us,
and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness
of a dove

we might know that Christ your Servant
has been anointed with the oil of gladness
and sent to bring the good news to the poor.
And so, with the Powers of heaven,
we worship you constantly on earth,
and before your majesty
without end we acclaim:

All – 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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P – The mystery of faith.

All – When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come
again.

COMMUNION RITE

All – Our Father . . .

P – Deliver us, Lord . . .

All – For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All – Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: have mercy on us. (2x)

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

COMMUNION

P – This is the Lord Jesus, the light of all peoples,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the
world. Happy are those who are invited to the
Banquet of the Kingdom.

All – Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the word and
my soul shall be healed.



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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is sung.)

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God. (Jn 1:32, 34)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P –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.
All – Amen.

P – Bow down for the blessing. (Pause)
May the Holy Spirit constantly guide you.
All – Amen.

P–May He mold you into servants of the Lord.
All – Amen.
P–May you honor the commitments of your
baptism all the days of your life.
All – Amen.

P–May almighty God bless you: the Father, and
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All – Amen.

P–Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All – Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING RITES

P – The Lord be with you.
All – And with your spirit.



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