

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised,
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.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been
baptised 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:
Behold my servant, whom I
uphold, my chosen, in
whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon
him; he will bring forth
justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift
up his voice, or make it
heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not
break, and a faintly burning
wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth
justice. He will not grow
faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice
in the earth; and the
coastlands wait for his law.
‘I am the Lord; I have called
you in righteousness; I will
take you by the hand and
keep you; I will give you as a
covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are
blind, to bring out the
prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who
sit in darkness.’

PSALM

*Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b,
9b-10. R 11b*

**R The Lord will bless
his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you
heavenly powers, ascribe to
the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the
glory of his name; bow
down before the Lord,
majestic in holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord upon
the waters, the Lord on the
immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord full of
power; the voice of the Lord
full of splendour. **R**

The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry,
‘Glory!’ The Lord sits
enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.
R

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened
his mouth and said: ‘Truly I
understand that God shows
no partiality, but in every
nation anyone who fears
him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. As for the
word that he sent to Israel,
preaching good news of
peace through Jesus
Christ — he is Lord of
all — you yourselves know
what happened throughout
all Judea, beginning from
Galilee after the baptism
that John proclaimed: how
God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and with power. He
went about doing good and
healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him.’



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia...

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Alleluia...

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

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. **Amen**

