

# FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year C

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.



## 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.

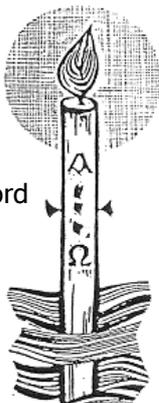
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11  
*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all  
mankind shall see it.*

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'



Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R] v. 1

- 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 servants. (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 take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus  
2:11-14; 3:4-7  
*He saved us by the cleansing water of re-birth and by  
renewing us with the Holy Spirit.*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made  
salvation possible for the whole human race and  
taught us that what we have to do is to give up  
everything that does not lead to God, and all our  
worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live  
good and religious lives here in this present world,  
while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will  
come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God  
and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us

in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
3:15-16. 21-22

*While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.*

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
(All bow)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there 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 life everlasting.  
Amen.



**OFFERTORY HYMN**

1. Lift up your hands and offer to the Lord  
Lift up your hands and offer to your God  
All that your life may hold of joy and care  
Lift up your hands unto the Lord
2. Lift up your eyes and see the works of God  
Lift up your eyes to the glory of the Lord  
See all the beauty He has spread for you  
Lift up your eyes unto the Lord
3. Lift up your heart unto the heart of God  
Offer your love with His love to accord  
Eager is He to have this gift from you  
Lift up your heart unto the Lord.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

1. There is a river that flows from God above;  
there is a fountain that's filled with his great love.  
*Come to the waters, there is a great supply;  
there is a river that shall never run dry.*
2. Wash me with water, and then I shall be clean;  
white as the new snow, if you remove my sin.
3. Plunged in the water, the tomb of our rebirth,  
so may we rise up to share in Christ's new life.
4. All who are thirsty, now hear God as he calls;  
come to the Lord's side, His life pours out for all.
5. Safe in the new Ark, the Church of Christ our Lord,  
praise God for water, his sign to save the world.



1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long,* } 2
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**RENAL HYMN**

1. Abba, Father, send your Spirit  
Glory, Jesus Christ (x2)  
*Glory, hallelujah, glory, Jesus Christ! (x2)*
2. I will give you living water  
Glory, Jesus Christ (x2)
3. Come, Lord Jesus, Light of nations  
Glory, Jesus Christ (x2)
4. Come, Lord Jesus, born of Mary  
Glory, Jesus Christ (x2)
5. Glory, Father, glory, Spirit  
Glory, Jesus Christ (x2)