

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - FEAST

Year C

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the scepter, his the throne.  
Alleluia, His the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool,  
heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.



## 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.

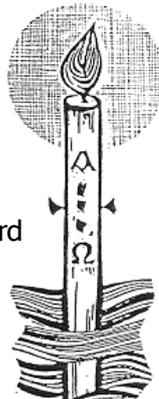
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

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!

## 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

Take my hands and make them as your own  
And use them for your kingdom here on earth  
Consecrate them to your care  
Anoint them for your service where  
You may need your gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart  
And by their actions they will show their love  
Guard them on their daily course  
Be their strength and guiding force  
To ever serve the Trinity above.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*I sing a song to you, Lord,  
a song of love and praise.  
All glory be to you, Lord,  
through everlasting days.*

1. Holy, holy, holy, mighty Lord and God.  
He who was and is now, and who is to come.
2. Worthy is the slain Lamb, honour him and praise.  
We rejoice with gladness, sing our love today.
3. He has used his power, has begun his reign.  
So rejoice, you heavens, and proclaim his name.
4. Shine your light on us, Lord, let us know your way.  
Be our guide for ever, make us yours today.

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1. Abba, Father, send your Spirit.  
Glory, Jesus Christ. (2)  
*Glory, hallelujah, glory, Jesus Christ! (2)*
2. I will give you living water...
3. If you seek me you will find me...
4. If you listen you will hear me...
5. Come, my children, I will teach you...

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

2. All I have I give you,  
Ev'ry dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,  
present them to my Lord.