

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Year A

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.



Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of
right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 28:1-4.9-10. R) v.11

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on 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.)
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
10:34-38

God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

cf. Mk 9:8

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 42:1-4. 6-7
Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 3:13-17

*As soon as Jesus was baptized he saw the Spirit of
God coming down on him.*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' 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...
6. I'm your shepherd, I will lead you...
7. Peace I leave you, peace I give you...
8. I'm your life and resurrection...
9. Come, Lord Jesus, Light of nations...
10. Come, Lord Jesus, born of Mary...
11. Come, and show the Father's glory...
12. Glory, Father, glory, Spirit...

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. God's spirit is in my heart,
He has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see,
and set the downtrodden free,
and go tell ev'ryone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
and go tell everyone
the news that God's kingdom has come.*

2. Just as the father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.
3. Don't worry what you have to say,
don't worry because on that day
God's spirit will speak in your heart,
will speak in your heart.