

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CYCLE A

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: On this day, the heavens were opened as the Spirit descended upon Christ at his Baptism. In prayer, we ask the Father to unseal the fountain of his blessings upon the world.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the Church, like her Lord, the Beloved of the Father, that his favor may always rest upon her, and his Spirit overshadow her with truth and power, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For Pope Francis and all bishops, clergy and religious, may they continue to help others grow in wisdom of their faith through the message of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For those who have become lukewarm in their faith, that the Spirit given in their baptism will rekindle faith and love in their hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For ourselves and our community, that we may eagerly follow Christ's call at our baptism and establish true justice on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For the departed whose memory we recall, that the power of God's grace may bring them to the fullness of glory, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty Father, by our baptism you adopted us as your sons and daughters. Hear our prayers through that favor which rests on your beloved Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.