

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased.

Entrance Hymn

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.*

1. Serve you the Lord,
heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence
singing with joy.
2. Know that the Lord
is our creator.
Yes, he is our Father,
we are his sons.
3. We are the sheep
of his green pasture,
for we are his people,
he is our God.



Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive
our prayer. 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.

Opening Prayer

Almighty, eternal God,
when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you
revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water
and the Spirit, faithful to our calling.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

40:1–5. 9–11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

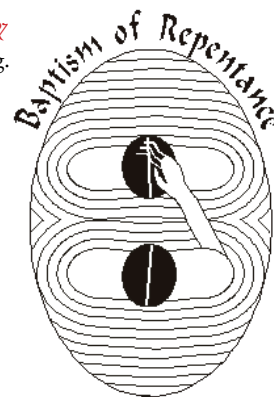
All: Thanks be to God.

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 net. 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 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

2:11–14. 3:4–7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus

He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

3:15–16. 21–22

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe
in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the

third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. In bread we bring you, Lord,
our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you
our spirits' grief.
We do not ask you, Lord,
who is my neighbour?
But stand united now one in belief.
Oh, we have gladly heard,
your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true,
our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you,
our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you
is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us
our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring
your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil
plant in our hearts' poor soil,
take all we start and spoil,
each hopeful dream;
the chances we have missed,
the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord,
we celebrate the revelation of Christ your Son who takes away the sins of the world. Accept our gifts and let them become one with his sacrifice, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

- All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.

Communion Hymn

1. In His time, in His time,
He makes all things beautiful
in His time.
Lord, please show me ev'ry day
as you're teaching me your way,
that you do just what you say
in your time.
 2. In Your time, in Your time,
You makes all things beautiful
in Your time.
Lord, my life to you I bring
with its winter and its spring;
may I fathom everything
in your time.
 3. There's a time, there's a time,
both for sowing and for reaping
there's a time.
Time for losing, time for gain,
time for joy and time for pain,
every purpose under heaven
has a time.
 4. There are times, there are times,
weeks and months we cannot understand
God's ways.
If for years we fail to scan
what is his eternal plan,
we'll remember that he can
all the time.
1. Peace is flowing like a river,
flowing out through you and me;
spreading out into the desert,
setting all the captives free.
 2. Love is flowing like a river...
 3. Joy is flowing like a river...
 4. Hope is flowing like a river...

Prayer After Communion

Lord,
you feed us with bread from heaven. May we hear your Son with faith and become your children in name and in fact.

Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
- P:** Amen.
- C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- P:** Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

1. Go, the Mass is ended, children of the Lord.
Take his word to others
as you've heard it spoken to you.
Go, the Mass is ended, go and tell the world:
the Lord is good, the Lord is kind,
and he loves everyone.
2. Go, the Mass is ended, take his love to all.
Gladden all who meet you,
fill their hearts with hope and courage.
Go, the Mass is ended, fill the world with love
and give to all what you've received:
the peace and joy of Christ.
3. Go, the Mass is ended, strengthened in the Lord,
lighten ev'ry burden,
spread the joy of Christ around you.
Go, the Mass is ended, take his peace to all.
This day is yours to change the world:
to make God known and loved.