

Mass at Home Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 2022 Year C

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WELCOMING

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is the end of the Christmas Season, the day God introduced His only Son, whom He sent down to the world to bring salvation to us .

PENITENTIAL RITE

Let us reflect on our failure and ask God's forgiveness

Lord Jesus, your baptism in the Rive of Jordan demonstrated your commitment to sinful humanity. Lord, have mercy
Lord reveal your own ministry in the river of Jordan. Christ, have mercy
Lord,Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people 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.

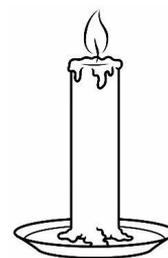
The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

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

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.

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



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

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

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.

Second Reading

Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

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 Ap-

pearing 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 God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 2:1-12 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22*

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him. 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 Word of God

Homily

Prayers of intercession

Presider

Let us bring our prayers to God our Father, who proclaimed Jesus as his beloved Son

Reader:

We pray for the Church, that we will be an instrument of the Holy Spirit and faithfully proclaim the good news. Lord hear us

We pray for all who are preparing for baptism and for all who are newly baptised, that they may be transformed by the waters of new life and allow the Spirit of God to guide their growth in faith, wisdom and holiness.
Lord hear us

We pray for this community, that we, enlightened by Christ and filled with the Spirit, will live out our baptismal calling as disciples of Jesus.

We pray for all who are ill, that God's Spirit will rest upon them, relieving their suffering and restoring them to wholeness Lord hear us

We pray for those who have died, that they will be given the life promised to those born again of water and the Spirit. Lord hear us

Parish prayer

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Presider:

God, your Son came to proclaim the Good News for those who are poor. May we proclaim this same Good News in our actions on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need. We make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord

Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
From all harm protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion:

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have
willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. . Amen

CONCLUSION

May the Father of light guide you as you go into this new year
May Jesus, the beloved Son of the Father, dwell in your heart
May the Spirit of wisdom lead you forward in joy and in hope
And may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen