

The Baptism of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Mt 3:16 – 17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
“This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.”

Reading 1

Is 55:1 – 11

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!
Why spend your money for what is not bread,
your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.
Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life.
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,
the benefits assured to David.
As I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of nations,
so shall you summon a nation you knew not,
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,
because of the LORD, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.
For just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,

giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2 – 3, 4bcd, 5 – 6

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Reading 2

1 Jn 5:1 – 9

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,
and everyone who loves the Father
loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God
when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this,
that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome,
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood.

The Spirit is the one who testifies,
and the Spirit is truth.

So there are three that testify,
the Spirit, the water, and the blood,
and the three are of one accord.

If we accept human testimony,
the testimony of God is surely greater.

Now the testimony of God is this,
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Alleluia

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Gospel

Mk 9:7

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Offertory Antiphon

Ps 118 (117)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

The Lord is God, and has given us light, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said:

“I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

And do thou, O prince of the heavenly host,

By the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.