# **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

After the Lord was baptised, 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.

#### **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.

### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised 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 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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 guench the wavering flame. 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,

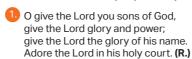
to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM**

Response:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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.)

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**

Ac 10:34-38

Ps 28

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised 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

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.

this, John gave in to him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, consubstantial with

the Father:

through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

### (all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

he suffered death and was buried. and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,

so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

# **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished with these sacred gifts. we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten

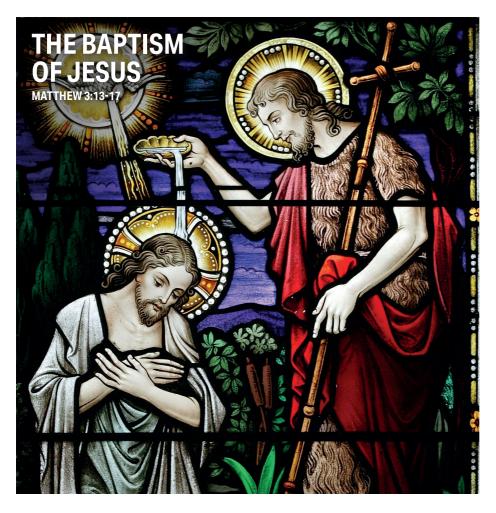
we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

In this hour of farewell, or, better, of leavetaking, I repeat once more that what matters most in this life is: our blessed Jesus Christ, his holy Church, his Gospel, and in the Gospel above all else the Our Father according to the mind and heart of Jesus, and the truth and goodness of his Gospel, goodness which must be meek and kind, hardworking and patient, unconquerable and victorious.

(St John XXIII: Spiritual Testament)







This passage tells the story of Jesus being baptized by John in the River Jordan. At first, John doesn't want to do it — he feels unworthy. He knows Jesus is far greater than he is. But Jesus insists. He says, "Let it be so for now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness."

What does that mean? It means Jesus chooses to stand with us — with sinners, with the broken, with those in need of mercy — even though He Himself is without sin. His baptism is an act of humility and love. He doesn't need cleansing, but He enters the water to bless it for us all.

As Jesus rises from the water, something amazing happens. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit comes down like a dove, and the voice of the Father is heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This moment shows us the Holy Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — united in love. It also shows us our true identity in baptism: we are God's beloved sons and daughters. Just as the Father delights in Jesus, He delights in us too. The baptism of Jesus reminds us that God comes close, not to judge, but to save.

# DO

Take a moment today to remember your baptism — maybe bless yourself with water or say a prayer thanking God for making you His beloved child.



# REFLECT

hy does Jesus come to be baptized? John the Baptist is confused — and so are we. Jesus is without sin. He doesn't need to repent. But He comes to the water anyway. Not to be cleansed, but to bless the waters of baptism for all who will follow

This moment reveals something beautiful about Jesus. He doesn't stand apart from us — He steps into our mess. He chooses to stand with sinners, with the poor, with the broken. He begins His mission not with glory, but with humility. In His baptism, Jesus shows us the heart of God — a God who walks beside us.

And then, something holy happens. The heavens open. The Spirit descends like a dove. And the voice of the Father says: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

That voice is not just for Jesus. Through our baptism, it becomes a voice for us, too. God calls each of us His beloved. No matter our failures, our fears, our doubts — God looks on us with love.

So today, remember your baptism. You are not just someone in the crowd. You are known. You are loved. You are God's child. And like Jesus, you are called to live in that love, and to share it with the world.

# **LEARN**

Jesus' baptism shows us that God loves us deeply and wants to be close to us. It reminds us that through baptism, we become God's beloved children called to live in His love.

# SAY

Heavenly Father, at Jesus' baptism, You declared Him Your beloved Son.

Help me to hear Your voice calling me Your beloved too.

Fill me with Your Spirit and guide me to live with faith and love every day.

Amen.