

Sunday 10 January 2021

The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

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.

Collect

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.

First reading Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the
peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never
knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down
from the heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield and giving
growth to provide seed for the sower and
bread for the eating, so the word that goes
from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding
in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

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.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second reading

1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;

this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by
God

has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the course of his preaching John the
Baptist said:

'Someone is following me, someone who is
more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to
kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals.
I have baptised you with water, but he will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from
Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the
Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up
out of the water than he saw the heavens torn
apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending
on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You
are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on
you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 1:29

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and
said:

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world.

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 after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten
Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.
Through Christ our Lord