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The Baptism of the Lord



Introduction:

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the extraordinary season of Christmas ends and the “ordinary time” begins in our Liturgical Calendar. Let us allow the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord to challenge us not in an accusing way but with a precious invitation: in Jesus we encounter the Beloved Son of God and come to know God, and His love for us, in a new and powerful way: why would we not want to listen to Him and then respond to Him with love and in faith?

Readings:

First Reading	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
Second Reading	Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel	Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Prayer of the faithful:

Celebrant: On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was revealed as the Beloved Son, we turn to God our Father confident that he will hear and answer our prayers:

Response: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church, that all who have been baptised will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give united witness to the Lord. We pray to the Lord....

For peace with justice throughout the world, that all people will turn from hatred to love and from violence to peace. We pray to the Lord...

For a true spirit of humility and evangelisation that, in our preaching, prayer and example, we may always point away from ourselves and towards the living Christ. We pray to the Lord...

For the sick, the lonely, the housebound and the vulnerable that, in the midst of their suffering, they will experience the loving arms of Christ. We pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Open the heavens, Almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect ever more faithfully the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.