

Introduction:

At our Baptism, we were claimed by God's grace and named as His beloved children. That grace is not earned, but lovingly given, and it bears fruit when we choose to live in obedience to God's will. Today, as we celebrate this Eucharist, we look to Jesus, the Beloved Son, who listens attentively to the Father and is led by the Spirit in faithfulness and humility. We pray for the grace to hear God's voice amid the many voices around us, to walk in the power of the Spirit, and to live out our baptismal promises with courage, compassion, and steadfast love.

First Reading : Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm : Psalm 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9b-10
Second Reading : Acts 10:34-38
Gospel : Matthew 3: 13-17

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant Reborn in Christ through the waters of Baptism and the Holy Spirit, we are named and claimed as God's beloved children. With confidence in His fatherly love, we now present our prayers to Him.

Our Response is: Lord, hear our prayer

- For the Holy Father, Bishops, Priests and Religious – that they may guide the faithful, immersed into the death and resurrection of Christ; to live as true children of the Father ...(brief silent pause)... we pray to the Lord.
- For leaders of nations and those in governance – that they may act with integrity and justice, safeguarding human dignity and promoting the growth and development of all ...(brief silent pause)... we pray to the Lord.
- For all Christians – that the unity of all who profess Christ may be deepened, and that together we may bear witness to the light of the Gospel in our daily lives ...(brief silent pause)... we pray to the Lord.
- For each of us – that mindful of our own baptismal calling, we may grow in holiness as beloved children of God, renewed in the Spirit and strengthened to overcome sin ...(brief silent pause)... we pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions and for those who have asked for our prayers, we pray in silence ...(longer silent pause)... we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, graciously hear our prayers. May we who have been renewed in Baptism, always walk as children of light, faithful to the grace we have received. We ask this through Christ our Lord... Amen