

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE FIRST ORDINARY SUNDAY

12th January, 2025

First Reading

Isa. 42:1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

“I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

This is the word of the Lord.

℟️ **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4,9-10.

Response: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

1. O give the Lord you children of God
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. ℟️
2. 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. ℟️
3. 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. ℟️

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter began to speak: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

℟️ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk. 3:15-22

℟️ **A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

℟️ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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