

Gospel Sunday, January 9, 2022. Cycle C

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A FATHER GOD



AND WE BELOVED CHILDREN ...

SETTING

In the Jordan we meet... in the Water and of the Holy Spirit we are born. We continue doing Path of Care in these first days of the new year.

In a sound silence I put myself in your presence, to adore you, praise you and bless you.

Purified by the living water and strengthened in the Spirit, we make this moment an opportunity to meet, challenge, and challenge the way.

Without fear, with a tender and humanized heart in gestures of endearing closeness and from the word that takes root in each one of us, we look up and forward.

Let us accept the mission that springs from the water and the Spirit and that sends us to proclaim and bless.

SONG. Ven, Espíritu Santo – CRISTÓBAL FONES, SJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-VCuF2kmvE>

GOSPEL - Luke 3, 15-16. 21-22

"As the people were waiting, they were all thinking in their hearts about John, if he would not be the Christ; John responded to all, saying: 'I baptize you with water; but he who is stronger than I is coming, and I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' " "It happened that when all the people were being baptized, Jesus was also baptized and while he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit fell on him in bodily appearance, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven: « You are my son; the beloved; in you I am pleased.

We deepen into the Gospel

The three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) tell the event of the Baptism of Christ, each in its own way. John, for his part, does not narrate it, but refers to it. Lucas has his own nuances and we are going to try to highlight them. For example, his text begins with "As all the people were baptized": **Luke is the only evangelist who mentions that the people were baptized; Luke is the only one to also mention the prayer of Jesus:** "As all the people were baptized and Jesus prayed ..." this approach of Jesus and the people corresponds to the Christological vision of Luke: **man among men, Jesus does not cease to be, at the same time, united with his Father.** Luke wants to insist so much on the humanity of Jesus that only in his account of the Baptism of Jesus does a **genealogy** appear. This genealogy of the Gospel of Luke presents the peculiarity of **beginning in Jesus and going back to his ancestors. Furthermore, Luke goes even further and tells us: that Jesus is "the son of Adam, the son of God."**

What follows is no longer typical of Lucas; Matthew and Mark use more or less the same terms. As Jesus prayed, "the heavens were opened" - in three words, a decisive event! Communication between heaven and earth is re-established. The waters, we are in them since everything takes place on the edge of the Jordan; the fire, there we have it: "He will baptize you in fire and in the Holy Spirit," said John the Baptist. And Luke continues: "The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, under a bodily appearance, like a dove." **Here the Spirit is not associated with the violence of fire, but with the dove, a symbol of gentleness and fragility. And this is not contradictory: strength and violence ... sweetness and fragility ... this is love, this is the Spirit.**

This representation of the dove is very important since the four evangelists have collected it. What did the dove evoke in all of them? since, in the Old Testament, the dove first evokes creation. It is true that the text of Genesis does not quote the dove, it simply says: "the breath of God floated on the surface of the waters" (Gn 1, 2), but **from Jewish meditation the evangelists had learned to recognize in that breath, the very Spirit of God.**

We are therefore at the dawn of a new era: new creation, new alliance.

At this moment, Luke tells us, "From heaven a voice was heard saying: You are my Son, I have begotten you." Among those present, those who wanted to understand well, John the Baptist in the first place, understood everything quickly: the dove of the Spirit is the crown of the Messiah-King.

Clues for prayer:

1. What does it mean in your life to have been baptized?
2. How do you experience the action of the Holy Spirit?
3. How do you discover the Holy Spirit in others?

WITH YOU LORD, WAY_____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. In Manus Tuas Pater - Taizé

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dN6Jc0gUFAk>

SILENCE IS MADE WORD

Those of us who follow Jesus,
born of the water and the Spirit
We continue to do "Vereda of Care".
We want to meet you
experience you and be reborn
in every moment
to be able to recreate all that
we have around us
and walk strengthened by faith, in You.
Born of water and the Spirit,
lets me look and see
and stand before the simple things,
those of each day, and to be thankful.
Born of water and the Spirit,
allows me to know myself better,

and love what I am,
what sustains me,
everything that surrounds me
and thus, open up to meet others.
Born of water and the Spirit,
inspires and encourages me
to open myself to the different,
everything that questions me,
it enriches me and helps me grow.
Born of water and the Spirit,
open my heart and my house
to every person who approaches,
to everyone who needs me.
Born of water and the Spirit,
helps me visualize the future
as a horizon of possibility;
with the ability to make dreams visible.
Born of water and the Spirit,
strengthen my congregational call
and prepares me to make the mission possible
to which I am sent,
to continue writing our history,
made of small details,
with the greatest care,
in detail
and with all love.
Born again,
To be who I am.

THANK YOU – NANA de la VIRGEN MADRE. Lyrics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvK2zQIABGA>



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