

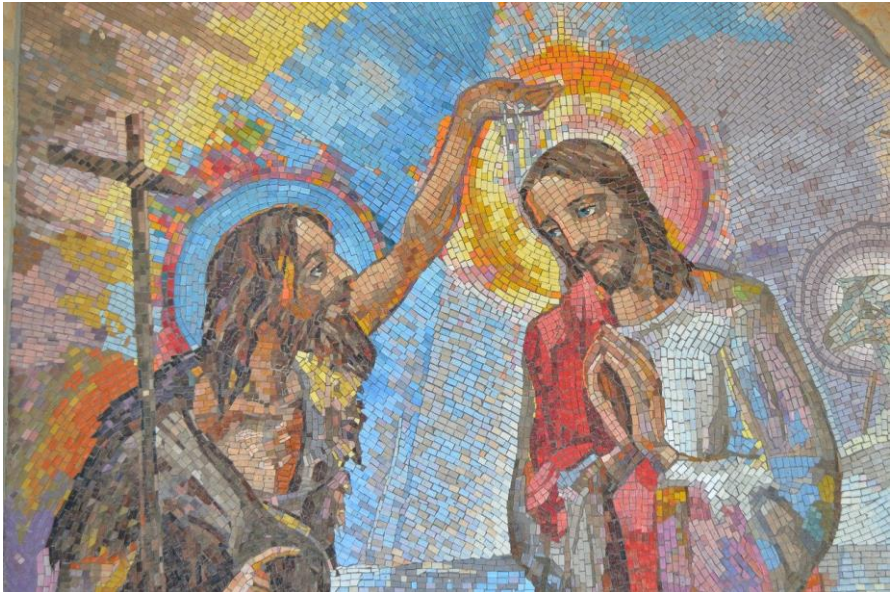


BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7th of January 2024 - Cycle B



WITH WATER



SETTING

We celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus, the child whom we have worshiped during the days of Christmas and who is now an adult man ready to carry out the mission of announcing the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

Let us be silent at the beginning of this prayer, let us open our mind, our heart, let us prepare our entire being and let, in the moment, the Word enter our interior, making us one with you, to continue growing in knowledge, in your experience, and let us walk, showing and witnessing that tender love of the child who grows in awareness of what he is called to be. Let's continue on that path that is life.

“You are my beloved Son, in you I am pleased.”

SONG. JESUS CAME TO JOHN THE BAPTIST

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9bdRzrA9fo>

GOSPEL. Mark 1, 7-11

And he proclaimed: «Behind me comes the one who is stronger than me; and I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals by bowing down. "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As soon as he came out of the water he saw that the heavens were torn and that the Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down to him. And a voice was heard from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased."

Deepen the Word (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

THE SPIRIT DESCENDED LIKE A DOVE. Jesus is his first public manifestation and it will be the occasion of a true revelation about his person.

Even John the Baptist seems not to know who he is facing. When he speaks of the Messiah who is going to come, he announces it in terms that everyone understands, but John does not know that it is Jesus of Nazareth. He says: «I have baptized you in water; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit", which means: "I have immersed you in water; he will immerse you in the Holy Spirit"; (the word "baptize" means "to immerse"). «The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me: the LORD God is upon me; The LORD has made me a messiah, he "You have sent me to announce good news to the humble, to heal those who have a broken heart, to provide freedom for the captives, for the prisoners, light..." (Is 61:1). "You are my son." This was precisely the title of Messiah, a title that each new king of Jerusalem received on the day of his enthronement. Baptism, then, is a true scene of royal investiture.

JESUS SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE. "Why does Jesus ask for Baptism if he is not a sinner? First possible answer: because Jesus wants to enrol in the process of his people, he chooses to show solidarity with sinful men; something very noticeable, it is precisely at that moment when he is declared "Son." Second answer; this proves that the true centre of gravity of Baptism is not sin...Baptism is a love

story: It is not strange since it is about immersing oneself in the Holy Spirit! It is about placing oneself in a filial position in relation to the Father and in solidarity with one's brothers. We think of Baptism in terms of purification and yet, God speaks of filial and fraternal love! Baptism that immerses us in the Holy Spirit immerses us in the love of God; when God says to Jesus: "You are my Son, the one I love; In you I find my joy", God proposes it through him to all of humanity; It is enough for us to simply accept that the love of God inhabits us.

THE SKIES ARE TORN. Then it is understood that the heavens are finally torn asunder, just as Isaiah had desired: "Ah, that you would rend the heavens if you came down, like the mountains shaken before you, like a fire that burns the grass, like a fire that boils." the waters, to make your name known..." (Is 63:19). The heavens torn, this means that there is no longer separation between heaven and earth. The universe is no longer the prison in which humanity locked itself up when it feared God, with the doubt of the Garden of Eden. Communication between God and his children has finally been re-established, humanity knows its God as he is and not according to the caricatures invented over time. (Rom 8:29). Then, the image of the dove speaks to us best: "Jesus saw the heavens being torn and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove," Mark tells us. As the breath of God hovered over the waters of the first creation, the Spirit flies over this man who is the first of the new creation. The Baptism of Jesus is the first manifestation of the Trinity.

Tips for prayer

- What does, this scene means.
- Observe where Juan is located, what place does he occupy?
- How did you discover who Jesus was?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

DAWN OF HOPE - PEDER B. HELLAND

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FULL IDENTITY

You make everything complete.

God help me find

peace in hectic days.

Guide me on the path

towards goodness and

the compassion.

Let me see the light

in the middle of the darkness.

Strengthen me when

I feel weak or

discouraged

thanks for the love

that surrounds me every day.

Help me spread joy

and hope to others.

God, on this day I ask you

strength for challenges,

wisdom to take

wise decisions,

Love to share

with all those

that I find,

and gratitude for each

blessing in my life.

God, in the silence

of my being, I find you.

Guide me with your light

Every step I take.

Give us the strength to

face the challenges

that arrive,

Help us plant

love and understanding,

Thanks for the gift

of each new day.

That voice that comes out

from the sky,

and addresses the Son,

it reaches us all.

Be you Lord, the light,

inspiration, joy

that invites us to be

and do from

the meeting with you.

Be the grace that

It launches us into being.

Blows the air into us

freshness that invades it

and recreate everything.

Be the reason for our life.

SONG: THIS IS MY SON: David Hill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbc6i3RzQFg>

EL BAUTISMO DE L SEÑOR - MSP

<https://youtu.be/0U6IO9-FAi8?si=qFdMWzxvqo3KorZ8>



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