



Sunday 12 January '25 - Cycle C
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



FROM THE WATER



SETTING

We meet each other to listen one to another, letting your Word soak my life, heal it, make it better.

We are before a new epiphany of Jesus, his baptism, program that He will develop with his life, connecting it with the lives.

Jesus receives the task of bringing God's love to the world, it is the task we assume by being baptized also with the water and the Spirit that creates, recreates and sustains life, it is the strength that transforms us.

Let us go through the world doing good, caring, healing life, blessing, offering, giving as a gift, building and, from freedom, liberating.

SONG. MIRACLE IN THE JORDAN - COLEGIO MAYOR P. JOSÉ KENTENICH

https://youtu.be/sXaKoYv4krc?si=fw5lO1yM_OFhgiSM

GOSPEL – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

“As the people waited, they all went about thinking in their hearts about John, if he were not the Christ; John answered them all, saying, «I baptize you with water; but the One comes who is stronger than I, 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, and Jesus was also baptized and when was praying, 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; I have begotten you today.»”

To deepen the Word today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11. Good news! The Lord is here: he brings forgiveness and liberation; a Shepherd attentive to the little ones and the weakest, he leads his people on safe roads. He has inaugurated the era of grace that had been announced.

Psalms 103. A new creation: heavens and earth, seas and rivers, all living things, the entire universe is transfigured by the breath of the Spirit.

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Theophany, the Manifestation of God in favour of his Son, which took place on the banks of the Jordan, inaugurates the last stage of the History of Salvation. Those whom God has caused to be reborn through the bath of Christian Baptism and renewed by the Holy Spirit, possess, from today onwards, the earnest money of the kingdom that they will receive as an inheritance.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22, 12. The three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) narrate the event of Christ's Baptism, each in its own way.

John, on the other hand, does not narrate it, but alludes to it. Luke has its own nuances and we are going to try to highlight them. For example, his text begins with “how all the people were baptized”: Luke is the only evangelist who mentions that the people were baptized; Luke is also the only one to mention Jesus' prayer: “How all the people were baptized and Jesus prayed...” this approach of Jesus and the people corresponds to Luke's christological vision: man among men, Jesus does not cease to be, at the same time, united to his Father. Luke wants to insist so much on the humanity of Jesus that only in his narration of the Baptism of Jesus a genealogy appear. This genealogy of Luke's Gospel presents the particularity of beginning with Jesus and going back to his ancestors. And also, Luke goes even further and tells us: that Jesus is “the son of Adam and the son of God”. We are thus at the dawn of a new era: a new creation, a new covenant: **it had been understood and recognized that the breath of Genesis was the Spirit of God.**

Clues for Prayer

- What does the text say to your life? What does it tell you about your life?
- Talk to God about all of it.
- What does the text invite us as a community?

AMBIENT MUSIC.



MIGUEL LEITÃO - BREEZE

<https://youtu.be/k2MYBXrufGU?si=FZGYaYzQgycbmlWV>

ANDREA VANZO / ENRICO MIGNANI - TALES FROM THE CITADEL

<https://youtu.be/fsf2Gn20SQ?si=ciSULkivMuRQZnRq>

BAPTIZED IN SERVICE

Living water, living, I am.
Baptized for service,
with the water that heals and cleanses,
water that strengthens, purifies.
The voice of God is heard,
You are my son, the beloved,
in you I am well pleased.
That voice goes to me too.
Help me feel the strength
that comes from water and the Spirit.
Water that strengthens my ear
to listen to You and follow You.
Water that sharpens my gaze,
to see You in each one.
Water that disposes my hands,
to welcome You in the little ones.
Water that unfolds my word,
to tell You, to say about You.
Water that leads my steps
to approach those who are fallen.
Water that unfolds my thought
in good works for everyone.
Water that unties my dreams
and turns them into realities.
Water that generates life
in the close and tender gestures.
Water that mobilizes humanity,
to build brother and sisterhood.

You are my son, the beloved,
in you I am well pleased.
Heaven is opened and the voice
of God resonates in
our hearts, which vibrate
in unison, getting ready.
God tells me that He loves me,
I can respond
with the same love.
Loving others who need
of that word that is life.
Loving You in the things,
loving You in the person,
loving You in the circumstances,
loving You by loving life.
To be with others as You,
is to make of my gestures and words,
possibility, encounter,
enthusiasm, newness.
Let life sprout and let the water
purify, every moment.
On the way to the encounter
and care for the Earth, for everyone.
Speak to me, Lord, keep on being
the whisper that reaches my ear
and becomes word.
May your Spirit make us
better, committed, brethren.

SINGING. MAXI LARGHI - I CAN DO ALL IN JESUS

<https://youtu.be/HI3UFawtSEI?si=L0A8pOchKGM8cK57>

LIVING WATER. AIN KAREM (FIRE AND EMBRACE)

<https://youtu.be/7ugwZSqOsCM?si=uu5OSffXw3mAdB8>



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