

The Baptism of Jesus
January 9, 2022

Entrance Hymn: River of Glory (BB 650)

Refrain

River of glory, springs of our birth,
Flood of God's riches poured on the earth
We are born from the darkness and clothed in the light!
We are bathed in the glory of God

Fountain of mercy, grace flowing free,
Streams of salvation, spilling with love from a tree. **Refrain**

Here there is haven, healing and health,
Joy for the asking, love in abundance of wealth. **Refrain**

Bread for our journey God will provide.
Hope for all ages, Jesus, companion and guide. **Refrain**

Darkness is banished, night turned away.
Christ is our sunlight, lifting and leading our way. **Refrain**

Greeting

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Let us come to God, mindful of our sins:

God have Mercy

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**
You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly One, O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen

Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to the people of Jerusalem, and proclaim to them,
that their warfare is ended,
that their iniquities are pardoned,
that they have received from God's hand double for all their sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Most High,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
The glory of God shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of God has spoken."

Go up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of glad tidings
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news,
lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

O God Most High, you come with might, ruling with strength.
Your reward is with you, your recompense before you.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
you will gather the lambs in your arms,
carrying them in your bosom,
gently leading the ewes with care.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.
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Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
you will find what you long for, the riches of our God. **Refrain**

You shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
You shall flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table. **Refrain**

May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart. **Refrain**

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us
to deliver us from all lawlessness
and to cleanse a people as God's own,
eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of God's mercy,
we were saved through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
who was richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (repeat)

God's love pours out on all people;
Be baptized, be renewed, in this water of life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

***Gospel* Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and 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 beloved Child;
 with you I am well pleased.”

The Good News of Salvation
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)

Universal Intercessions

Response: Spirit of God, overshadow us.
 (Spirit of God, overshadow us.)

For the Church: that we may recognize our calling to be daughters and sons of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share God’s Good News with others, let us pray...

For courage: that God will strengthen us to bear the challenges of daily life and thus give witness to the faithfulness of God, let us pray...

For all who are in need of a shepherd’s care, for refugees, the ill, those unjustly detained and those who lack heat or food: that God’s love will comfort them and the hearts of many reach out to them, let us pray...

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation: that those who strive for peace may not tire and that God will open new opportunities for opponents to recognize the good in one another, let us pray...

For whom else do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts Come to the Water (BB 617)

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;
Without our money, without price,
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.

Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

and let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord,
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honor the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Reflection Song below. If you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

Service Music: Mass of Renewal (BB 878)

Spiritual Communion

*Invite the Family to **stand** for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

Our Father

Leader: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Family: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Leader: Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

Family: Amen.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

Invite the family to kneel if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.

Leader: Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

All: O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

Leader: Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

All: O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

Leader: With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Song: Behold the Lamb (BB 336)

Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
we who live, we who die are grateful for God's gift, thankful for God's love.

Refrain

Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know God's glory.

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share. **Refrain**

Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace. **Refrain**

Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Song Down to the River to Pray (BB 655)

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way and
who shall wear the starry crown - Good Lord, show me the way!

O *sisters, let's go down, come one down.

O *sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully
listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come
down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Sending: City of God (BB 388)

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain

Let us build the city of God, may our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day.

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free. **Refrain**

God is light; in him there is not darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
Of comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth. **Refrain**