

The Baptism of our Lord (Year A)

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Dearest Jesus, in these days following the celebration of Your birth, many people feel empty and lost. At times, even I, one of Your chosen ones, feel that way. Help us all, I pray, to know that it's not what or how I feel that matters; rather, it's what You have already done for me that is of lasting importance. Help me to ever look to that blessed day of my Baptism as positive proof of my status as one of Your own. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

INTROIT

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

C: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

P: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

C: and the ends of the earth your possession.

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron

C: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C: be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P: Serve the LORD with fear,

C: and rejoice with trembling,

P: for his wrath is quickly kindled.

C: Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 42:1–9

¹Behold 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. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus 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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

EPISTLE READING ROMANS 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 3:13–17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”