



January 10th , 2010

Baptism Of Our Lord

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this...

FIRST READING

(Prophet Isaiah proclaims to the people of Israel the unconditional love of Yahweh.)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (42:1-4,6-7)

Thus says the Lord: "Behold 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. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice on the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

This is the Word of the Lord

PSALM (28)

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. R./

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters, the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. R./

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!" The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. R./

SECOND READING

(Peter proclaims that Jesus has come and lived among us to bring salvation for all.)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-38)

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

This is the Word of the Lord

ACCLAMATION (Mk 9:7)

Alleluia, alleluia! A voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son listen to him." Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(The Gospel here brings out how the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism and how the Father accepted the baptism of Jesus by proclaiming: "This is my beloved Son.")

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (3:15-16,21-22)

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.