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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

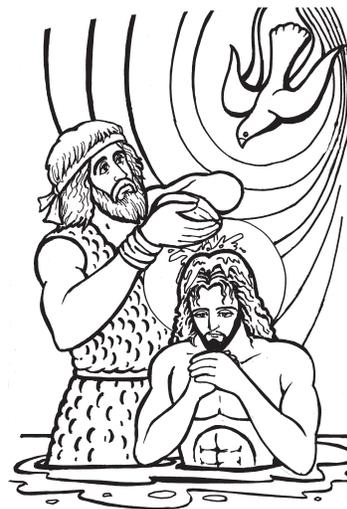
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## Son of the Father and Our Brother

**J**esus' baptism in the Jordan River is the second "epiphany," i.e., the second manifestation of his identity and mission. The Father's voice reveals that Jesus is the "Son/Servant," the man filled with the Spirit of the Lord, sent to "establish justice on earth."

His mission will also entail taking upon himself the weight of mankind's sinfulness, as foretold in the last of the Servant's Songs.

Jesus' baptism reminds us of our own baptism when the Father pronounced over us the most splendid sentence we will ever hear: "You are my beloved son/daughter!" It is this unparalleled dignity which entitles us to participate in this Eucharist. Let us do so with gratitude and love.



### INTRODUCTORY RITES



#### Entrance Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)*

**After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

#### Greeting

**P** –Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**All** –And with your spirit!

#### Penitential Act

**P** –Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Lord's

forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.  
*(Pause)*

**P** –Lord Jesus, by your baptism you showed your readiness to atone for our sins. Lord, have mercy!

**All** –Lord, have mercy!

**P** –Lord Jesus, at your baptism you were proclaimed God's beloved Son. Christ, have mercy!

**All** –Christ, have mercy!

**P** –Lord Jesus, at your baptism you were anointed with the Holy Spirit. Lord, have mercy!

**All** –Lord, have mercy!

**P** –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All** –Amen!

#### Gloria

**All** –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 King, O God, almighty Father.

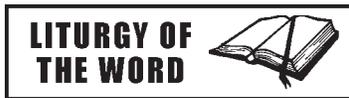
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

### Collect (Opening Prayer)

**P** –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, one God, for ever and ever.

**All—Amen!**



### 1st Reading *Is 42:1-4.6-7*

*What we are about to hear is the first of the four “Songs of the Servant of the Lord.” All Christian generations have seen in the “Servant of the Lord” a prophetic figure of Jesus of Nazareth, the one in whom alone the Father is fully pleased.*

**R** –A proclamation from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**Thus says the Lord:**

**“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my Spirit. He shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his teaching.**

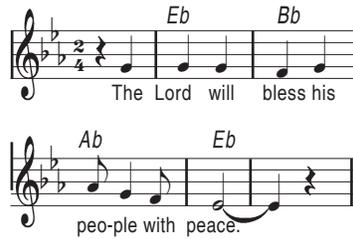
**I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand. I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.”**

The Word of the Lord!  
**All—Thanks be to God!**

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 29*

**R** –*The Lord will bless His people with peace!*

*R. M. Velez*



\* **Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise, give to the Lord the glory due his name; adore the Lord in holy attire. **R.****

\* **The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord, over vast waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic. **R.****

\* **The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, “Glory!” The Lord is enthroned above the flood; the Lord is enthroned as king forever. **R.****

### 2nd Reading *Acts 10:34-38*

*The passage we are about to hear contains the beginning of the discourse of Peter in the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius. This text is used in today’s feast because of its reference to Jesus whom God “anointed with the Holy Spirit and power.”*

**R** –A proclamation from the Acts of the Apostles

**Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.**

**You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed**

**by the devil, for God was with him.”**

The Word of the Lord!  
**All—Thanks be to God!**

### Gospel Acclamation *Mk 9:7*

**All—Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: “This is my beloved Son, listen to him.”**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Gospel *Lk 3:15-16.21-22*

*The baptism of Jesus at the Jordan was the first official “manifestation” of his identity in his public life. No less than God the Father Himself proclaimed him “beloved Son” while the Holy Spirit descended on him as the “Anointed of the Lord.”*

**P** –The Lord be with you!  
**All—And with your spirit!**

**P** –A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All—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 Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

The Gospel of the Lord!  
**All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Homily

#### Profession of Faith

*(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)*

**All—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*)\* **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**\* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

### Prayer of the Faithful

**P** –Today we recall Jesus’ formal investiture as “the Servant of the Lord” who will take upon himself the sins of the world. With gratitude for his generosity, let us pray:

**All**–**Merciful God, hear us!**

**C** –For the whole body of believers and especially their leaders: May they be humble and faithful servants of the Lord in the world of today. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For the newly baptized, especially those who are adults: May they treasure the presence of the Spirit in their hearts and always live as beloved children of the Father. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For those who have forgotten the meaning of their

baptism: May the Holy Spirit renew in them the fruits of the sacrament and make them once again active members of the Church. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For the poor, the sick and the jobless: May they find in the Christian community the support and help they need. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For all of us gathered here: May we always be aware that we, too, are God’s adopted children and please Him at all times. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (*Pause*) Let us pray! **R.**

**P** –Father, at his baptism Jesus accepted to carry the crushing burden of our sins. May we lighten that burden by honoring the commitments of our baptism. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother, Savior, and Lord.

**All**–**Amen!**



### Preparation of the Gifts

**P** –Pray, brethren . . .

**All**–**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.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

**P** –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.

**All**–**Amen!**

### Preface of the Baptism of the Lord

**P** –The Lord be with you!

**All**–**And with your spirit!**

**P** –Lift up your hearts!

**All**–**We lift them up to the Lord!**

**P** –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**All**–**It is right and just!**

**P** –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit’s descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty, without end we acclaim:

**All**–**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

### Memorial Acclamation

**P** –The mystery of faith!

**All**–**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again!**



**All**–**Our Father . . .**

**P** –Deliver us, Lord . . .

**All**–**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign of Peace

### Breaking of the Bread

**All**–**Lamb of God . . .**

### Communion

**P** –This is the Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the burden of our sins. Blessed are those

called to his Supper.  
**All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Antiphon**  
*(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)*

**Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

**Prayer after Communion**  
*P* —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.  
**All—Amen!**



*P* —The Lord be with you.  
**All—And with your spirit!**  
*P* —Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.  
*(Pause)*  
*P* —May the Holy Spirit constantly guide you and mold you into servants of the Lord.  
**All—Amen!**

*P* —May you continue to enjoy God’s favor, guidance, and protection.  
**All—Amen!**

*P* —May you be faithful to the commitments of your baptism all the days of your life.  
**All—Amen!**

*P* —May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**All—Amen!**

*P* —Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All—Thanks be to God!**

## THE BAPTISM OF JESUS AND OUR BAPTISM

**J**esus did not need to receive John’s baptism. He needed no conversion or repentance, since he was absolutely sinless. He did not need to prepare himself to welcome the Kingdom either, since he was the one who had come to proclaim and establish the Kingdom. Actually, he **himself was the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth!** And yet we know that it was Jesus himself who insistently asked to be baptized by John. Why? Because he knew that **the reception of that baptism was part of the Father’s plan for him.** Jesus requested and received the baptism of repentance in behalf of the entire humankind because he had come to be **“the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the sin of the world.”**

While for all other people who have received it, John’s baptism was a preparation for the Kingdom, for Jesus, it was an *inauguration* of the Kingdom, the formal beginning of his mission of salvation.

**The baptism received by Jesus,** therefore, though externally similar to that received by thousands of others, was essentially different, actually unique. It **had a saving dimension/effect, not for Jesus, but for all men.**

The baptism received by Jesus, then, was also different from the one through which we have become Christians. **All of us need to be baptized in order** to be re-established in a filial relationship with God. Each of us needs **to become by grace what Jesus Christ is by nature: a child of God.**

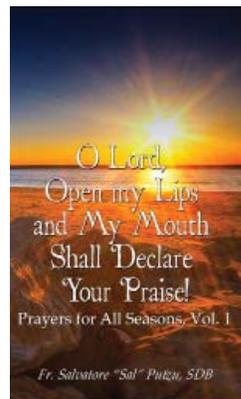
**The baptism of Jesus** did not bring about any change or purification in him. It only **manifested what he was: God’s beloved Son.** His baptism was a *revelation*, an “*epiphany*.” **The sacrament**

**of baptism that we have received,** instead, has brought about in us a radical change: from sinful and unworthy creatures, it **has made us adopted children of the Father, brothers/sisters of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit,** thanks to the person and work of Christ himself.

**Our baptism,** however, has also a fundamental *similarity* with that of Jesus **in its commitment aspect.** Jesus’ baptism, in fact, was, on his part, **a formal commitment to fulfill the Father’s will/plan to the very end.** Such a commitment is also part of our baptism. We have to remember this and live up to the commitment we undertook, with the same dedication and fidelity shown by Jesus.

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### O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS . . .



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