

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, 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.**

COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING

42:1-4.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord;
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 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

10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.
'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The heavens opened and the Father's
voice resounded:**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to
him.'**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

1:7-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark.*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'
It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honour 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:

**I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Why did Jesus go to John for baptism?
Why do you think baptism should be a
community event, rather than a private
experience?

Why is baptism important to the Christian
life? What roles do your family, godparents
or sponsor, friends, and community play
once you have been baptised? Does the
Holy Spirit play an important part in your
life? How? What are the characteristics of a
person filled with the Holy Spirit?

*What kind of life are you called to by
baptism? Where do you find the strength
and courage to live a life based on your
baptism?*

How might we experience baptism more
than once in our lives?

What would you say to someone who asks
you why they should be baptised?

The baptizing community becomes the
channel of grace for the newly baptized
person through the ongoing service and
sanctifying role of the church. How does
your community fulfil this role?

What is the responsibility of your faith
community to the children of the parish
after they are baptized? How is that
responsibility satisfied?

GOSPEL ACTION

*Try to actively live out at least one of your
baptismal promises this week. Find at least
one other person who will share with you
what the real power of God is in their life.*

Readings – 2nd Sunday Year B

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19
Second Reading: 1Cor. 6:13-15.17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42