

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ

10 January 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 55.1-11

Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
'Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?'
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Surely God is my salvation,
I will trust, and I will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known to all the earth!
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been born of God,
and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.
By this we know that we love the children of God,
when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this,
that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome,
for whatever is born of God conquers the world.
And this is the victory that conquers the world,
our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not with the water only but with the water and the blood.
And the Spirit is the one that testifies,
for the Spirit is the truth.

There are three that testify:
the Spirit and the water and the blood,
and these three agree.

If we receive human testimony,
the testimony of God is greater;
for this is the testimony of God
that he has testified to his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

In his preaching he proclaimed,
"The one who is more powerful than I
is coming after me;

I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water,
he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.