

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*The Lord is great: come, let us adore him!*

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia!

**Hymn**

**Meter: CM**

"I come," the great Redeemer cries,  
"To do thy will, O Lord."  
At Jordan's stream, behold! He seals  
The sure prophetic word.  
"Thus it becomes us to fulfill  
All righteousness," he said.  
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,  
Through Jordan's flood was led.  
Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks  
From heav'n's exalted height:  
"This is my Son, my well-beloved  
In whom I take delight."

**Psalm**

**40:7-10, 12, 17**

*Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." (Jn 4:34)*

*Jesus listened with an open ear and an open heart to the voice of his Father. Listening, he obeyed. Let us, who have been baptized in him, listen to the voice that calls us beloved children and gives us a work to do, the work of the Gospel proclaimed and lived in love for God and neighbor.*

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.  
In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.  
Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.  
O Lord, you will not withhold  
your compassion from me.

Your merciful love and your truth  
will always guard me.  
O let there be rejoicing and gladness  
for all who seek you.  
Let them ever say: "The Lord is great,"  
who love your saving help.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God**

**Philippians 2:7-9**

He emptied himself,/ taking the form of a slave,/ coming in human likeness;/ and found human in appearance,/ he humbled himself,/ becoming obedient to death,/ even death on a cross./ Because of this, God greatly exalted him/ and bestowed on him the name/ that is above every name.

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered. (Heb 5:8)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Here is my servant whom I uphold,/ my chosen one with whom I am pleased,/ Upon whom I have put my spirit. (Is 42:1)*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.**  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

## Intercessions

As children and servants of the living God, let us pray in faith and love:

**R/** Father, hear us!

You sent your Son to save the world through his obedience even unto death: instill in us his desire to do your will. **R/**

You sent your Son to lead us from death to life through the waters of salvation: grant us the courage to follow where he leads. **R/**

You sent your Son to deliver all peoples from slavery to sin and death: grant us the wisdom to use our freedom well. **R/**

### **Personal intentions**

Our Father....

*O Lord, our God, a star led the Magi to your Son. May the sound of your Word and the light of your Spirit lead us today to worship before him in Spirit and in truth, bringing the gift of our lives to him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

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**Reading 1**                      **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people,/ says your God./ Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her/ that her service is at an end,/ her guilt is expiated;/ indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord/ double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:/ In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!/ Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!/ Every valley shall be filled in,/ every mountain and hill shall be made low;/ the rugged land shall be made a plain,/ the rough country, a broad valley./ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,/ and all people shall see it together;/ for the mouth of the Lord has -spoken.

Go up onto a high mountain,/ Zion, herald of glad tidings;/ cry out at the top of your voice,/ Jerusalem, herald of good news!/ Fear not to cry out/ and say to the cities of Judah:/ Here is your God!/ Here comes with power/ the Lord God,/ who rules by a strong arm;/ here is his reward with him,/ his recompense before him./ Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;/ in his arms he

gathers the lambs,/ carrying them in his bosom,/ and leading the ewes with care.

**Reading 2**                      **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love/ of God our savior appeared,/ not because of any righteous deeds we had done/ but because of his mercy,/ he saved us through the bath of rebirth/ and renewal by the Holy Spirit,/ whom he richly poured out on us/ through Jesus Christ our savior,/ so that we might be justified by his grace/ and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

**Gospel**                              **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

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."

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### **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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