

The Baptism of Our Lord

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INTROIT *(Ps. 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Lit. Text, Ps. 89:20)*



Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,^{*}
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
I have found David, my | servant;^{*}
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.
He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,^{*}
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”
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and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *(Ps. 72:18-19)*

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,^{*}
who alone does | wondrous things.
Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever;^{*}
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!

VERSE *(Ps. 143:10)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!^{*}
Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7

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. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for 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.

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose

what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”