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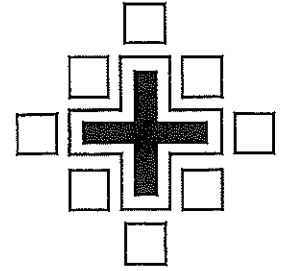
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# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.  
I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## 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. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*  
Extol him, all | peoples!  
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## DAILY READINGS

January 8: Ezek. 2:1-3:11; Rom. 1:18-32; 9: Ezek. 3:12-27; Rom. 2:1-16; 10: Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32; Rom. 2:17-29; 11: Ezek. 33:1-20; Rom. 3:1-18; 12: Ezek. 34:1-24; Rom. 3:19-31; 13: Ezek. 36:13-28; Rom. 4:1-25; 14: Ezek. 36:33-37:14; Rom. 5:1-21.

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## Old Testament Reading:

### Isaiah 42:1-9

- 1 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.
- 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his  
voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not  
quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the  
earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- 5 Thus 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,
- 7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the  
dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in  
darkness.
- 8 I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.
- 9 Behold, the former things have come to  
pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

## Epistle: Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And 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; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."