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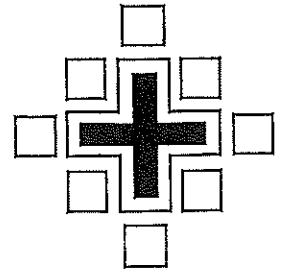
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# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025



**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 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; 15: Ezek. 37:15-28; Rom. 6:1-23; 16: Ezek. 38:1-23; Rom. 7:1-20; 17: Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29; Rom. 7:21-8:17; 18: Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12; Rom. 8:18-39.

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## Old Testament Reading:

### Isaiah 43:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are  
mine.
- <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I  
will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall  
not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall  
not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume  
you.
- <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.
- <sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the  
east,  
and from the west I will gather  
you.
- <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of  
the earth,
- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

### 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: Luke 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation,  
and all were questioning in their hearts  
concerning John, whether he might be the  
Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying,  
"I baptize you with water, but he who  
is mightier than I is coming, the strap of  
whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit  
and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in  
his hand, to clear his threshing floor and  
to gather the wheat into his barn, but the  
chaff he will burn with unquenchable  
fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he  
preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But  
Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved  
by him for Herodias, his brother's wife,  
and for all the evil things that Herod had  
done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he  
locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were  
baptized, and when Jesus also had been  
baptized and was praying, the heavens  
were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit  
descended on him in bodily form, like  
a dove; and a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am  
well pleased."