

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD



FIRST READING: *Isaiah 42:1, 6-7*

*This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Our God says,

“This is my servant, my chosen one.  
I give him my strength and my spirit  
to bring justice to all the people.  
And I say to him,

‘I, your God, have called you.  
I have taken you by your hand.  
I have sent you as my covenant to the people,  
as a light for the world.  
I have sent you  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free those in prison,  
and to give light to those who live in darkness.’ ”

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 146*

I praise you, O God, for your faithful love.  
I praise you, O God, for all that you do.

*Verses:*

1. You free the oppressed and save the poor.
2. The hungry are fed, the blind can see.
3. Happy are all who hope in you.

*(Repeat Response after each Verse.)*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

A voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son."

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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GOSPEL: *Mark 1:7-11*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark.*

**W**hen John the Baptist preached, he always said,  
"Someone else is coming after me  
who is more powerful than I am.  
I am not even worthy to undo his sandal straps.  
I am baptizing you in water,  
but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

During that time, Jesus came from Nazareth  
and was baptized by John.  
As soon as Jesus came out of the water,  
he saw the Spirit coming on him in the form of a dove.  
Then a voice from heaven said,

"You are my beloved Son; I am very pleased with you."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*