

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

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!

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

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

When John the Baptist
was baptizing at the Jordan River,
all the people were filled with excitement,
and they wondered if he might be the Messiah.

But John said to them,

"I am baptizing you in water,
but someone is coming later
who is mightier than I am.
I am not even worthy
to untie his sandal straps.
He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

Then, after all the people were baptized,
Jesus also was baptized.

While he was praying,
the Holy Spirit came to him in the form of a dove,
and a voice from heaven said,

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

The Gospel of the Lord.