

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Or

O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
has appeared in our very flesh,  
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed  
through him whom we recognise as outwardly like ourselves.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: 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.  
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

'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.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIALPSALM** Psalm 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b. 9b-10. R. 11b

**R: The LORD will bless his people with peace.**

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness. **R.**
2. The voice of the LORD upon the waters,  
the LORD on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the LORD full of power;  
the voice of the LORD full of splendour. **R.**

3. The God of glory thunders;  
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'  
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits as king for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand  
that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears  
him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word  
that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus  
Christ – he is Lord of all – you yourselves know what happened  
throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that  
John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the  
Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing  
all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** cf. Mark 9:7

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
'This is my beloved Son; listen to him.'

**R: Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to  
be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I  
need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus  
answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil  
all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was  
baptised, 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; and behold, a  
voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am  
well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, the offerings  
we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,  
so that the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him  
who willed in his compassion  
to wash away the sins of the world.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children in name and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**