

# BAPTISM OF THE Lord, Year A

*When the Epiphany of the Lord occurs on Sunday 7 or 8 January,  
the Baptism of the Lord is observed on Monday 8 or 9 January, with one reading before the Gospel.*

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are found in the companion volume – Volume 2.*

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## *First Reading † Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7*

*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have put my spirit upon him,  
he will bring fair judgement to the nations.  
He will not cry out or raise his voice,  
his voice will not be heard in the street.

A crushed reed he will not break  
nor will he snuff out a faltering wick.  
He will establish fair judgement for the nations.  
He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
until he has established fair judgement on earth  
and the coastlands are waiting for his guidance.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and spread them out,  
who hammered into shape the earth and what comes from it,  
who gave breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk on it:

‘I the Lord have called you in righteousness,  
I have grasped you by the hand and watched over you;  
I have given you as a covenant for the people  
and light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon.’

The word of the Lord.

## *Responsorial † Psalm 28:1-4.9-10*

### ***The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

Grant to the Lord, you heavenly powers,  
grant to the Lord glory and strength.  
Grant to the Lord the glory of his name;  
bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.

### ***The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

The voice of the Lord on 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.

***The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

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.

***The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

***Second Reading † Acts 10:34-38***

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Then Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household,

'I understand that truly God is impartial, but that in every nation one that fears him and does what is righteous is acceptable to him.

'You know the message which he sent to the children of Israel proclaiming peace through Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all – the word which spread throughout Judaea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John announced: Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went around doing good and healing all who were held in the power of the devil, because God was with him.'

The word of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation † cf Mark 9:8***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Gospel † Matthew 3:13-17***

*When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to prevent him, saying,

'I need to be baptised by you, and yet do you come to me?'

But Jesus replied,

'Leave it for the time being; for so it is fitting that we should fulfil all righteousness.'

Then he allowed him. And when Jesus had been baptised he at once came up from the water, and see, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And see, a voice from heaven,

'This is my Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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