

iCare Mass January 8, 2022

Baptism of the Lord (C)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1–2, 4, 6–7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant! I have made him strong.
He is my chosen one, and I am pleased with him.
I will give him my Spirit, and he will bring justice to
the nations. He won't shout or yell or call out in the
streets. He won't quit or give up until he brings
justice to all the earth, and people in foreign lands
long for his teaching.

I, the Lord, chose you because of my kindness, and I
am here at your side. I created and appointed you
to bring light and my promise of hope to the nations.
You will give sight to the blind and set prisoners free
from dark dungeons.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 23:3abc–4, 3cde,
9ef–10*

All: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

*The voice of the Lord echoes over the oceans.
He thunders above the roar of the raging seas,
and his voice is mighty and marvelous.*

All: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

*The glorious Lord God thunders above the roar
of the raging seas, and the temple is filled
with shouts of praise. The Lord rules on his throne,
king of the flood forever.*

All: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34–38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to Cornelius and his household:
“Now I am certain that God treats all people alike,
God is pleased with everyone who worships him and
does right, no matter what nation they come from.
This same message that God gave to the people of
Israel, when he sent Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, to
offer peace to them.

“You surely know what happened everywhere in
Judea. It all began in Galilee after John had told
everyone to be baptized. God gave the Holy Spirit
and power to Jesus from Nazareth. He was with
Jesus, as he went around doing good and healing
everyone who was under the power of the devil.”

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Everyone became excited and wondered, "Could John be the Messiah?"

John said, "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

After everyone else had been baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. Then as he prayed, the sky opened up, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in the form of a dove.

A voice from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you."

The Gospel of the Lord.