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**January 10, 2021**      **The Baptism of the Lord**

**Opening**      **When Jesus Comes to be Baptized**      #92

When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
He leaves the hidden years behind,  
The years of safety and of peace.  
To bear the sins of human kind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
Anoints the Christ to suffering,  
To preach the word, to free the bound,  
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,  
And what is bruised he will not break,  
But heal the wound injustice dealt,  
And out of death his triumph make.

Melody: Saint Venantius or Winchester New L.M.; Music (Saint Venantius) Rouen Church Melody or (Winchester New) Muskalisches Handbuch, Hamburg 1690; Text: Stanbrook Abbey, 1971

**Reading I**      [Is 55:1-11](#)

Thus says the LORD:  
All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!  
You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
come, without paying and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!  
Why spend your money for what is not bread,  
your wages for what fails to satisfy?  
Heed me, and you shall eat well,  
you shall delight in rich fare.  
Come to me heedfully,  
listen, that you may have life.  
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,  
the benefits assured to David.  
As I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander of nations,  
so shall you summon a nation you knew not,  
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,  
because of the LORD, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.  
Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.

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Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.  
For just as from the heavens  
the rain and snow come down  
and do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
giving seed to the one who sows  
and bread to the one who eats,  
so shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth;  
my word shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,  
achieving the end for which I sent it.

**Responsorial Psalm**      [Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6](#)

**R. (3) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;  
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel!

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

**Reading II**      [1 Jn 5:1-9](#)

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,



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and everyone who loves the Father  
loves also the one begotten by him.  
In this way we know that we love the children of God  
when we love God and obey his commandments.  
For the love of God is this,  
that we keep his commandments.  
And his commandments are not burdensome,  
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.  
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.  
Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood.  
The Spirit is the one who testifies,  
and the Spirit is truth.  
So there are three that testify,  
the Spirit, the water, and the blood,  
and the three are of one accord.  
If we accept human testimony,  
the testimony of God is surely greater.  
Now the testimony of God is this,  
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

**Alleluia** [Cf. Jn 1:29](#)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel** [Mk 1:7-11](#)

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:  
"One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee  
and was baptized in the Jordan by John.  
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open  
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.  
And a voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**Offertory** **Come to the Water** #603

1. O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.



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And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?

2. And let all who seek,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life,  
except for the Lord?

3. And let all who toil,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary,  
let them come to the Lord:  
all who labor, without rest.  
How can your soul find rest,  
except for the Lord?

Text: Based on Isaiah 55:1–2; Matthew 11:28–30.

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## **Communion Spirit and Grace #343**

1. Spirit and grace, here in this meal;  
you are the wind that breathes through the field.  
Gather the wheat and form us in Christ. Come, be our source and breath of life.

### *Refrain*

*In the bread, blessed, broken and shared,  
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.  
Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in this holy meal.*

2. Spirit and grace, here in this meal;  
you are the life that flows through the vine.  
Gather this drink and form us in Christ. Come, be our source and blood of life.

3. Spirit and grace, here in this place;  
you are the light that shines in this space.  
Gather your people and form us in Christ. Come, be the heartbeat of our lives.

4. Spirit of God, sending us forth;  
we spread your wisdom throughout all the earth.



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Gather the nations and form us in Christ. Come, be the presence in our lives.

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## **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

At Thy feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer Thee repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Thy holy presence. I adore Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive Thee into the poor dwelling that my heart offers Thee. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess Thee in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to Thee! May Thy love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. Amen. (This prayer is attributed to Servant of God Rafael Merry del Val. This cardinal is known for having promoted the Litany of Humility.)

## **Closing            10000 Reasons            #561**

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before  
O my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find

And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore

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