

WORSHIP @ HOME

The Baptism of the Lord – Yr B • 10 January 2021

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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."
- Mk 1:7-8

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Preparation

There are a few things you need to do to get ready before you begin.

- **Prepare a bowl of water** and a sprig of a plant for the sprinkling rite.
- We recommend glancing through the whole service before you start. **Adapt the service for your family**, especially so it will be age-appropriate.
- You could make the setting special by using a **WHITE** table cloth, some candles, and anything else to make your space festive and prayerful. Get the whole family involved in the preparations.
- **Place your family Bible on the table**, if you have one, opened up to the Gospel of the day.
- **The script has leader and various reader parts.** Anyone old enough to read well can perform these roles.
- **An iPad/tablet computer** or large phone could work well for reading the script. **It would be helpful to have two devices** for multiple people to read. To access the slideshow and hymns, visit: <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-01-10>
- **Don't worry**, you don't have to do this perfectly. Have some fun with it. Let's pray!

JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **Silence and set aside all phones** or other devices that may interrupt you.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Sing along (especially the "Hold on to Love" echo and refrain):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtrbxIW7bRo&feature=emb_logo

INTRODUCTION

Leader: We now begin the celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, remembering when John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

GREETING

Leader: † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Peace and joy to you from God our Father and from his Son, Jesus, who became human like us. We love you, O Lord, and we thank you. (The response is: We love you, O Lord, and we thank you.)

All: We bless you, O Lord, and we praise you.

Leader: We gather together now after a troubling week to remember how Jesus was baptized and then showed us how to live. One with all who follow him, let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

GLORIA

Explain to your children that if you were in church now the priest would walk around and sprinkle everyone with water as a reminder of their own baptism. Invite your children to do a home sprinkling blessing now. They may dip the plant sprig (or just their hands if you don't have one) into the bowl of water and use it to sprinkle a blessing on everyone in the family now. Let them enjoy this moment, even if they get you a bit wetter than you would like. Sing the "Glory to God" while this happens.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb-2XUH-CMI&feature=emb_logo

Leader: God has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. May we stay faithful to Jesus for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Pause for a short time for everyone to pray in silence. Then pray the following out loud, carefully and with meaning.

Leader: God of peace and reconciliation,
your Son was born into a time of division and violence,
but he showed us how we are loved by you.

Help us to be a force for peace and love in the world,
especially caring for those who are poor and in need,
because you were one of them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ALLELUIA

Play the video. Listen to the refrain the first time, then sing together when it repeats.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbxKdSk2dKI&feature=emb_logo

GOSPEL

Lead your family in this action prayer, making the Sign of the Cross over your forehead, lips, and heart at each step.

Reader 1: In today's reading, we hear about when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

We now do this action prayer together:

May the Lord be on my mind, †
on my lips, †
and in my heart †
as we hear the Gospel today.

A reading from the holy Gospel of Mark.

This text is based on the translation used in the Lectionary for Masses with Children and is easier for young people to understand.

Reader 1: John also told the people,
"Someone more powerful is going to come.
And I am not good enough even to stoop down and untie his sandals.
I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"

About that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee,
and John baptized him in the Jordan River.

As soon as Jesus came out of the water,
he saw the sky open and the Holy Spirit coming down to him like a dove.
A voice from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you."

Mark 1:7-11. From the Contemporary English Version, copyright © American Bible Society, 1991, 1995.

Reader 1: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL VIDEO RETELLING

Here is a cartoon retelling of this gospel story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VMNO2MAmWA&feature=emb_logo

GOSPEL VIDEO REFLECTIONS

Here's a eight minute video for kids that helps us enter into this story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le1oe8N4rjQ&feature=emb_logo

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

*If your parish has provided a homily video online, you could play it here. Either way, take some time to talk together about what the readings mean to each of you. **You can do this however you would like, but here are some suggestions.***

- In today's reading, we hear the Holy Spirit compared to a dove—a symbol of peace. When Jesus became human, he "emptied himself" of God's limitless power, to show us that love was more important than power. What can we do in our lives to also show that love is more important than power?
- On the day that we remember Jesus' baptism, let's take some time to remember our own baptism too. Do you remember your baptism? If not, have your parents tell you about it now. How old were you? Who was there? How did you react during the ceremony? Who are your godparents? Why did your parents choose them? Take some time to tell the baptismal stories of all those present now.
- John the Baptist recognized that something was extremely special about Jesus. Even though John was very popular with the people and huge crowds were going out to see him and listen to him, he was humble. He knew that he wasn't the most important person in the world. Who do you know who is a wonderful person, maybe even a popular person, who remains humble and doesn't think they are the center of the universe?
- Baptism is a reminder that we are **all** sons and daughters of God and that God is well pleased with us, too. Close your eyes and take about a minute of silence now to imagine God telling you what God told Jesus. "You are my beloved son/daughter. With you I am well pleased." What is God's voice like? How does it make you feel to hear this? (*Parents, pause here for a minute or so.*) Share how it felt like to hear God say that to you. Can you believe it? Why or why not?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Now let's pray together to God for what we need.

Reader 2: We pray for all those who don't have a safe, warm, and dry home at this time of year, especially families with babies and young children, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all those who are sick, and for all the doctors, nurses, caregivers and essential workers who are caring for them, that they remain healthy, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all those in public safety—police, fire, and other security—that they can remain safe as they protect us, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all those who are lonely or sad during this time, that we can be Christ for them in their darkness, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For what else and for who else shall we pray?

Allow time for anyone else to speak prayers aloud.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Let us now offer each another a sign of peace.

Share some hugs!

A LITANY FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: The response is: Lord, bring us closer to you!

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
we wish we could gather today with our parish community,
but we gather here out of love and concern for others.
You teach us that when two or three are gathered in your name,
you are there.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are present in a special way
when bread and wine are turned into your Body and Blood.
Since we cannot receive you in this way today,
We ask that you enter our hearts
so that we may receive you spiritually.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Concluding Rite

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Play the video below and sing along. Follow along with the hand motions and movements. Click the full-screen (four arrows) icons to enlarge.

<https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-01-10>

After the Service

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Take a picture of your family in your worship area and share it on social media (tag it with **#HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome**).

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