

**Liturgy Notes for
The Baptism of the Lord
January 9 2022**

Why did Jesus, the all-holy Son of God, seek John's baptism of repentance? It was not to receive—for He is Himself the source of all grace—but to give. "Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by His cleansing to purify the waters which He touched" (Saint Maximus of Turin). Christ's baptism reveals to us what our own baptism now accomplishes: the forgiveness of sin and a share in His divine sonship. The words heard from the heavens could be said about every person baptized since. "Baptism places upon our souls a mark that forever will identify it as one privileged of God." (Sister Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.) ([*Magnificat*](#))

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, 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 (Opening Prayer)

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized 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.

Communion Antiphon

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

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