

At Home Liturgy of the Word, January 10, 2021
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER, leader

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity,
and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

I. A. **Isaiah 55:1-11** (*Old Testament*) *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind, like a reference to another scripture passage, a memory from one's life, a song, a dream, a statement, or the word or phrase from this passage that you remember or like the most; or draw the picture that stayed in your mind. This is to be short and simple, with no discussion at this time.*

II. PSALM RESPONSE, *read together*

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Antiphon:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. (3c)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

The Lord has made his salvation known:

in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, sing joyfully before the King, the Lord.

Repeat the Antiphon

III. A. **1 John 5:1-9** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

IV. A. **Mark 1:7-11** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

V. *Now, spend some time discussing how these readings relate to your lives. These discussion questions* may be helpful:*

1. Recall a time when you felt that your life began anew.
2. In what ways and/or by whom have you been affirmed since you were baptized?
3. Recall a time when you were chosen to do something special. What effect did it have in your life?

VI. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: Confident of God's love and mercy,
we raise our voices together and pray.

Reader:

1. For all Christians who do not reflect the holy light of Christ,
we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For the citizens of all nations who call their leaders to the way of Christ's
peace, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For all parents, as they support and nourish their children,
we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For children who waken this day cold and hungry,
we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For all who gather on this Christmas [evening – morn] to proclaim the good
news of joy to the world, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Other intercessions may be added. If praying for an individual or a certain group of people, conclude the intercession with praying for all in that specific situation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us hold each other in spiritual communion with all members of the
Church, as we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven...For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER, leader

Merciful God,
you save us through the mystery of the Nativity
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
Hear us and answer our prayers through the newborn Christ,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Please write down any questions or comments and pass them on to your pastor.

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