

# The Baptism Of Our Lord January 8, 2012

- *Please arrive at least five minutes before 9am and sit in one of the front two rows near the pulpit.*
- *First reader: please go to the pulpit while the children are returning to their seats after the Choir Anthem.*
- *Second reader: please go to the pulpit immediately following the First Reading.*
- *After you read, go ahead and sit wherever you prefer. Thanks!*

## The Old Testament Reading *Genesis 1:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle *Romans 6:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has

died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.  
A Please rise for the Alleluia and Verse

## *Psalm 29 (antiphon: v. 3)*

The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;\*  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over  
many | waters.

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,\*  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and  
strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his  
name;\*

worship the LORD in the splendor of |  
holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;\*  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD,  
over many | waters.

The voice of the LORD is | powerful;\*  
the voice of the LORD is full of | majesty.  
The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars;\*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,\*  
and Sirion like a young | wild ox.

The voice | of the LORD\*  
flashes forth | flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the |  
wilderness;\*

the LORD shakes the wilderness | of  
Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give  
birth and strips the | forests bare,\*

and in his temple all cry, | "Glory!"  
The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;\*  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- |  
ever.

May the LORD give strength to his | people!\*

May the LORD bless his people | with  
peace!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;\*  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over  
many | waters.

voice came from heaven, "You are my  
beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Holy Gospel *Mark 1:4-11*

A The Holy Gospel according to St.  
Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

<sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a