



January 11, 2009, “The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord”

**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.

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, 4, 5-6)

**R. 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.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,

proclaim how exalted is his name.

**R.**

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.**

**Reading II** (1 Jn 5:1-9)

Beloved:

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

**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.”

