

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN CWB 282

When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
He leaves the hidden years behind,  
The years of safety and of peace.  
To bear the sins of all mankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
Anoints the Christ to suffering,  
To preach the word, to free the bound,  
And to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,  
And what is bruised he will not break,  
But heal the wound injustice dealt,  
And out of death his triumph make.

Our everlasting Father, praise,  
With Christ, his well-beloved Son,  
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,  
Untroubled Trinity in One.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### Psalm Response

O bless the Lord, my soul.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

*In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.*

## HOLY COMMUNION CWB 99

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise -  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
born of one Father,  
we are his children -  
joyfully now  
God's praise we sing.

## NEXT WEEKEND

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Isaiah 62: 1-5  
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11  
John 2: 1-11

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## HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Luke 3:16)

Now that's a promise worth remembering: Jesus wants to baptize us with his own Holy Spirit! But what does this mean?

Let's look first at Jesus' experience of the Spirit. Luke tells us that at Jesus' baptism, "the Holy Spirit descended upon" him (3:22). On that day, Jesus received the Spirit in a new way- a gift from God that would empower him and set him on the path of ministry, service, and ultimately death and resurrection. Though Jesus was already fully God, the Spirit of God still came upon him.

Luke includes a small but important detail in his account. As the Spirit descended on him, the Father called out, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22, emphasis added). He spoke directly to Jesus. He told him how delighted he was in his Son's obedience, humility, and trust in him. Baptized, or immersed, in water, Jesus was also immersed in the Holy Spirit that day.

When you were baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon you, and God claimed you as his beloved child as well. He entered into a new, unbreakable relationship with you, and you became a new creation in Christ (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1279).

But God doesn't want to fill you with his Spirit only at your baptism. He wants to baptize you-immersed you-in his Spirit again and again so that you can be filled with his love and equipped for the work God has for you. Again and again, he wants to tell you, "You are my beloved child. I love you. I am pleased to have you in my family."

Even if it has been decades since you were baptized, God still wants to fill you with his Spirit. So don't be afraid to ask for more: more of his love, and more of his power in your life.

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*Lord Jesus Christ,  
for calling us to follow you,  
for being our Lord and brother,  
for letting us share your cross,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*For sharing the life of the Father with us,  
for leading us in your light,  
for sending your Spirit to live in us,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*For baptizing us into your death,  
for raising us to new life with you,  
for calling us to be members of your kingdom,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*For marking us with your seal of life,  
for giving us faith and hope,  
for filling us with your love,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*For calling us to give you praise,  
for bringing us to eternal life,  
for letting us be your saints,  
we give you thanks, O Lord.*



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## The Baptism of the Lord C

09.01.2022

**\*Trybooking required**  
**\*QR & Registration at entry**  
**\*Face mask must be worn indoors**  
**\*Hand sanitise at entry & Holy Communion**

### 9am Weekday Mass

### St Gabriel's

11 January - 14 January

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

### Weekend Masses

15 - 16 January

Saturday 6pm St Stephen's

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Sunday 10am St Gabriel's

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 5pm St Stephen's

Sundays 9am St Gabriel's

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To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the "Baptism" of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The Father proclaimed him to be "his beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon him. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism.

Baptism takes away original sin, all personal sins and all punishment due to sin. It makes the baptized person a participant in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace, the grace of justification which incorporates one into Christ and into his Church. It gives one a share in the priesthood of Christ and provides the basis for communion with all Christians. It bestows the theological virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A baptized person belongs forever to Christ. He is marked with the indelible seal of Christ (character). *Compendium 105, 263*

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**Funeral Mass of the late Carol MacInnes  
Thursday 13 January 11am St Gabriel's**