**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/psalms/104?1)

**St. John the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**O bless the Lord, my soul.**

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
     you are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak.
     You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;
**O bless the Lord, my soul.**

You have constructed your palace upon the waters.
     You make the clouds your chariot;
you travel on the wings of the wind.
     You make the winds your messengers,
and flaming fire your ministers.
**O bless the Lord, my soul.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
     In wisdom you have wrought them all
the earth is full of your creatures;
     the sea also, great and wide,
in which are schools without number
     of living things both small and great.
**O bless the Lord, my soul.**

They look to you to give them food in due time.
     When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
**O bless the Lord, my soul.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.
     When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
**O bless the Lord, my soul.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**  [Cf. Lk 3:16](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/3?16)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness
and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good. When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

**The word of the Lord**: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading** [Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/titus/2?11)

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Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs,carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

**The word of the Lord:** **Thanks be to God**

**First Reading** [Is  40:1-5, 9-11](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/40?1)

**Refrain:**

We will gather at the water, gather at the water.

We will gather at the water and receive new life.

**1:** From the first of creation, love breathed upon the waters, beyond oceans to this font.

Now in this beginning, in this goodness flowing, receive the welcome of our God.

**Refrain:**

**2:** When the red sea was parted, love freed us from enslavement, still he makes a way for us.

Just as he stood in the Jordan, he is standing with you, receive the mercy of our God.

**Refrain:**

**Entrance Song: Gather at the Water**

**January 9th, 2022, 10:30 am Mass**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

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**Sending Forth Song: We Belong to You**

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**Prayer for the Synod on Syodality**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

**Refrain:** We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.

In our daily living, dying and rising, we belong to you.

1: In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new.

Souls united in the myst’ry. We belong to you. **Refrain:**

1: Filled with gifts and filled with goodness. Spirit breathing life into.

All who seek to find their purpose. We belong to you. **Refrain:**

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**Communion Song 3: God So Loved**

**Refrain:** God so loved the world. God so loved the world he gave his only Son, his only Son and, to those who believe in him: you shall not fear death, for you shall have eternal life. Yes, you shall have eternal life. God so loved the world.

**1:** Amen I say to you, no one can enter into the kingdom unless you are born of water, of water and the Spirit.

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**1:** Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep.

Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.

**Refrain:** Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die.

Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life.

**2:** Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart, with bread come down from heaven above.

And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise! **Refrain**

**3:** Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed, with your very body and your blood.

Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end, for what God joins no one can divide. **Refrain**

**Communion Song 2: Miracle of Grace**

3

**Gospel**  [**Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/3?15)

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Offertory Song: When John Baptized by Jordan’s River**

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**Communion Song 1: Shepherd Me, O God**

**Refrain:** Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

**1:** God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love. I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

**2:** Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**

**3:** Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**

**4:** You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow’r to hold. **Refrain**

**5:** Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life, I will dwell in the house of my God forever more. **Refrain**

**1:** When John baptized by Jordan’s river in faith and hope the people came.

That John and Jordan might deliver their trouble souls, sin and shame.

The came to seek a new beginning, the human spirit ageless quest,

repentance, and an end of sinning, renouncing every wrong confessed.

**2:** There as the Lord, baptized and praying, rose from the stream, the sinless one.

A voice was heard from heaven saying, “This is my own beloved Son”.

There as the Father’s word was spoken, not in the power of wind and flame,

but of his love and peace the token, seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

**3:** O Son of Man, our nature sharing, in whose obedience all are blest.

Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing, hear us and grant us this request:

Daily to grow, by grace defended, filled with the Spirit from above;

in Christ baptized, beloved, befriended, children of God in peace and love.

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