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Sunday, January 12, 2014
Baptism of the Lord



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.
R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - *"God Rest Yee Merry Gentlemen"*

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READING I - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coast lands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God,
give to the LORD glory and praise,
Give to the LORD the glory due his name;
adore the LORD in holy attire.

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,
the LORD, over vast waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD is enthroned above the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READING 2 - Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse **R:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: *"God Hear Us!"*

OFFERTORY HYMN - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

COMMUNION HYMN-

Angels We Have Heard on High

RECESSIONAL - *"Joy to the World"*

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS

Joy is simply love looking at its treasures. A Christian's joy is in loving Christ and loving other people because Christ loves them; it is in doing good to others, and so having a Christmas perpetually. It is in looking forward so that world of glory where we shall be like him, and shall see Him as He is. "Where I am," is a sweet assurance, ye shall be also." Jesus offered to fill our homes and our hearts with joy, if we will only let Him do it

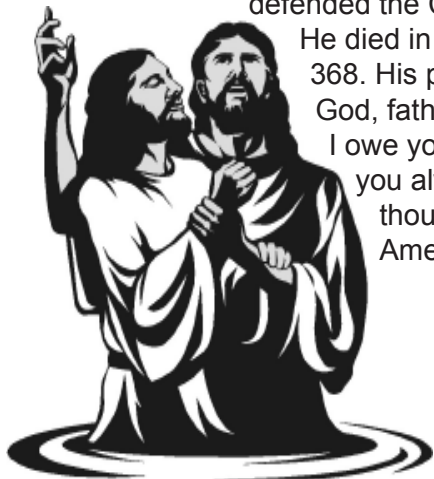
SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

This period, which begins the day after the Octave of Epiphany, is an extension of Christmastide. Jesus asserts His Divinity - not by the appearance of angels or the star of the Magi, but speaking Himself as God. He subjects our hearts to His teachings, explaining His divine doctrine with parables and manifesting the truth of His words and works of many Miracles. The Christmas cycle has a fixed character, and the Feasts of the Nativity and Epiphany fall always on December 25th and January 6th.

ST. HILARY, (300-368) January 13

St. Hilary was born into a noble and distinguished family in Poitiers, Gaul. He was raised as a pagan but embraced Christianity after much study of the Bible. Hilary, (who was married before his conversion), was elected bishop of Poitiers about 350. Almost immediately, Hilary was confronted with the Arian heresy and became a staunch defender of the Church. He was exiled to Phrygia in 356 by Emperor Constantius because of his beliefs and his refusal to become Arian. In 360, Hilary was ordered to return to Gaul. Upon his return, he attended the Council of Saleucia and defended the views of the Church, otherwise known as the views of Nicaea. Hilary's eloquent writings such as *De Irinitae*, *De Synodis* and *Opus Historicum*, defended the Catholic belief.

He died in Poitiers about 368. His prayer: Almighty God, father, I know that I owe you this: to serve you always with my thoughts and words. Amen.



Lord, thank You for giving me not only the permission but also the command to rest. There's so much to do, and often I think I'm the only one who can get it done. I want to cross everything off my to-do list, make every deadline, and show everyone I can do it all! But, Lord, I know I cannot. Who am I to think I can go at full speed without rest, when even You rested from the busyness of doing?

Bless my rest time, Lord. Help me to replenish my mind and body. Help me to sit, to reflect, to breathe, and to spend some time with you..

— Karen Valentine

(from New Mercies,

A Daily Guideposts Prayer Companion)

Father, a smile is such a simple, quick gift—painless and not costly. Yet, I often hesitate to give one away. What if I don't get one back? Free me up to smile spontaneously—especially to strangers.

— Marion Bond West

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