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Our theme this week is:



This Is Right

*Bread of life, truth eternal,  
Broken now to set us free.  
The risen Christ, his saving power,  
Is here in Bread and Wine for me.*

[Bread of Life.mp4](#)

Lord, I know I am not worthy to receive you.  
You speak the words and I am healed.  
Here at your table, Love's mystery:  
One bread, one cup, one family.

Lord by your cross, you reconciled us to the Father.  
We have only to believe.  
Your sacrifice, our victory,  
Now by your blood we are redeemed.

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert,  
Still you fulfil our every need.  
Lord when we hunger, Lord, when we thirst,  
We come to you and we receive

Peace be with you  
**And with your spirit**



We light our candle to remind us of Christ's  
presence with us as we gather  
**+In the name of the Father ...**

# Reflection

Today, we hear about how Jesus is baptised by John in the waters of the river Jordan. Water is a very important part of baptism, but it is also really important in our lives for other reasons. We all need water to live. Let's think today about all the ways we use water in our lives.

# Opening Prayer

Living God, we give thanks for water which gives us life. We pray that all your children around the world may have clean water to drink. Amen



Lord Jesus,

We are sorry for the times we have not chosen to do what is right

Lord, have mercy.

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

Christ Jesus,

We are sorry for the times we have not allowed ourselves  
to be washed clean from our sins

Christ, have mercy.

**CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Lord Jesus,

We are sorry for the times we have not done all that God  
requires

Lord, have mercy.

**LORD HAVE MERCY**





Please *stand* while we  
listen to the Gospel

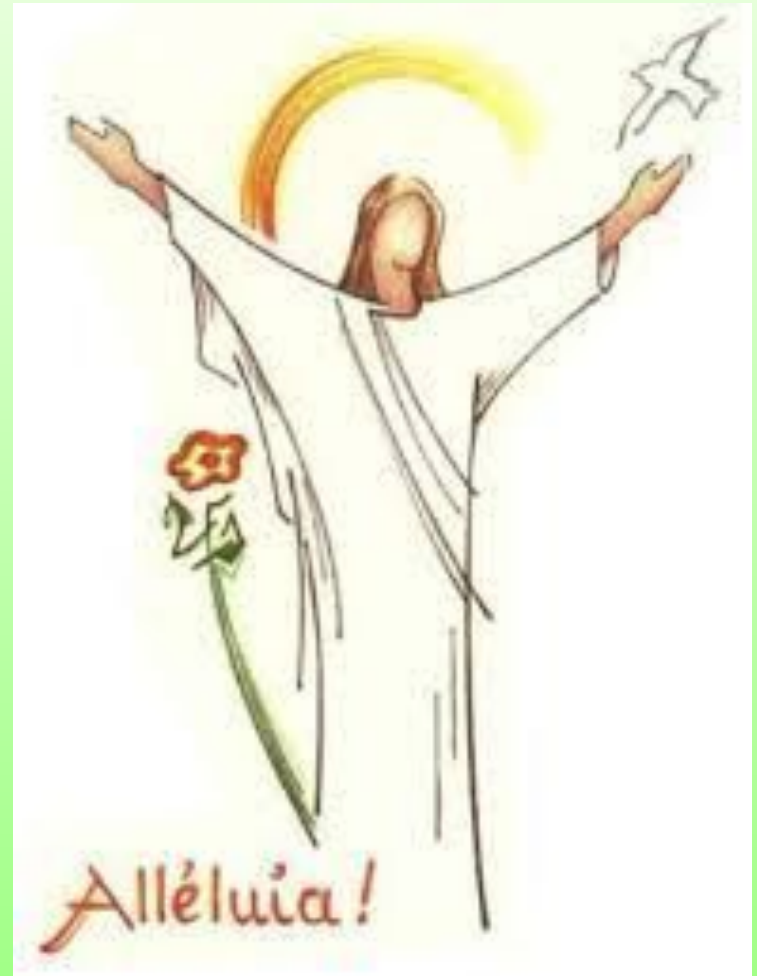
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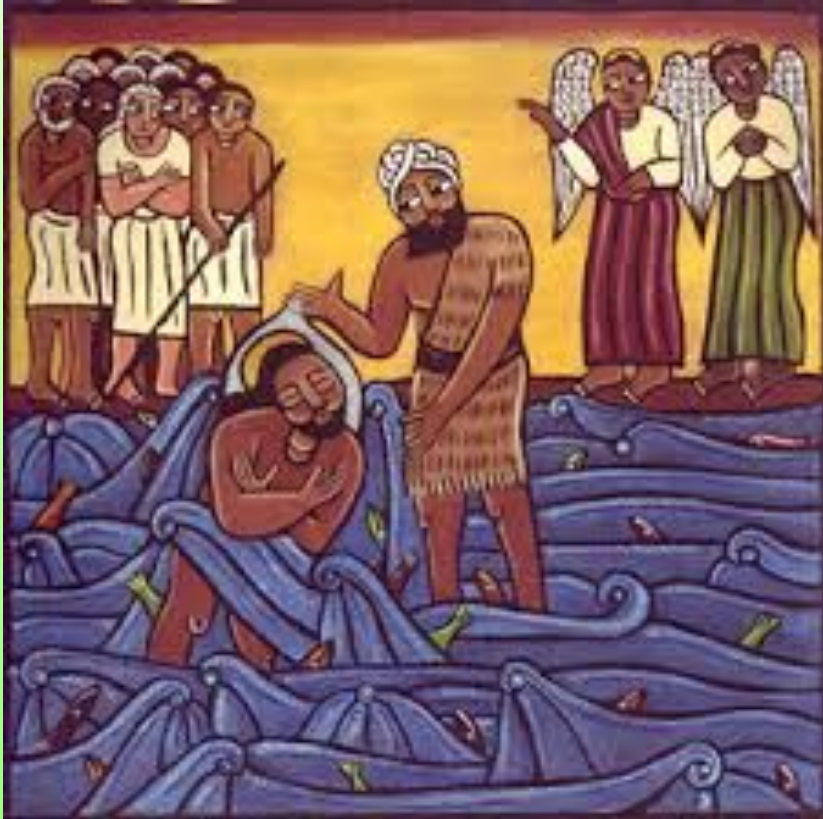
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# A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

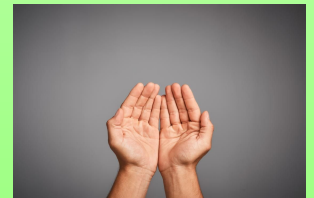
## Glory to you, O Lord



May Jesus' words  
be in our minds,  
our hearts and in



our words and  
actions



At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. “I ought to be baptized by you,” John said, “and yet you have come to me!”

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires.” So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice came from Heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Time to reflect on God's words for us  
today.



***What do you remember from today's***

John baptises Jesus in the river, and there is a voice from heaven that says something important.

***Whose voice do you think it is?  
What does God say?***



Water is very important. It is used in baptism to show that we are starting a new life with God.

But there are many other ways that we use water every day. ***How many can you think of?***

That's a lot of water! ***Are there any ways that we could save water so that we do not waste it?***

Fabiano is a boy who lives in Uganda. In Uganda, the weather is often too dry to grow plants and it can be hard to get water.

Fabiano needs water to grow vegetables to eat and to sell. He used to walk to the next village for water because there were no taps in his own village. Fabiano had to carry the heavy buckets home. It was a long way and hard work.





With CAFOD's support, a water pump was built in Fabiano's community, powered by a solar panel that gets its energy from the sun. Now Fabiano can easily fill his watering can. His vegetables are growing very well!



We all need water to live but many people around the world don't have clean water to drink, or they have to travel a very long way to get any water at all. ***Can you imagine what that would be like?***

***What do you think we could do to help more people like Fabiano and his family?***

## Bidding Prayers

Jesus offers us new life in the water of our baptism and so together we pray:

We pray for all people around the world: that they may have clean water to drink and not have to travel long distances to collect it. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for world leaders: that they may make wise decisions so that all people around the world have clean water to drink. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that the Holy Spirit may move us to do what we can to help others and to try to make the world a fairer place for all people. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**



We pray for those we love and care for in the silence of our hearts. Hold them in your love and look after them, Lord.

We ask Mother Mary to join with us, as we say:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.  
Amen

# **Closing Prayer**

God of life, help us to act so that no one goes thirsty and all people around the world have enough water for all their needs.

**Amen.**

This week, let us show the Gospel Value of **Forgiveness**  
and the Virtue of **Temperance**



We can show **forgiveness** by:

- Showing patience and understanding when others struggle with making good choices
- Not judging yourself too harshly when you make mistakes

We can show **temperance** by:

- Think twice before saying anything that could hurt someone
- Not rushing into actions that could have negative consequences



Don't be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving us. God is pure mercy.

— *Pope Francis* —

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May God bless us with  
his mercy, strengthen  
us with his love, and  
enable us to walk with  
courage, hope and  
faith in ourselves and  
you.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**



