

Sunday 9 January 2022 **The Baptism of the Lord** - *Feast*

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Take a moment to reflect on how immense is God's greatness and our own "smallness"

Consider the sky as just one part of God's creation, and stand back in awe

Above the rains you build your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servant.

Rain, clouds, wind all ask us to marvel at the complexity of the world God has made for us

Pray that we will use creation as God intended

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small.

Looking at the world we see God's wisdom as Creator. Let us value what God has done

The sea covers more than 2/3 of the world. Pray for all who work at sea to serve us.

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill.

God established and sustains the world. Pray that we will work with him to preserve it well

Reflect on our use of food, and pray for all who are hungry and go in need

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take back your spirit, they die.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Take time to make sure you are aware of God in all things

Ask God to help all who work to make the world a better place for us to enjoy

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