

**Sunday 12 January 2025 The Baptism of the Lord – Year C**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. **R**1

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL! MY GOD, HOW GREAT YOU ARE!

O LORD my God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and honour,  
wrapped in light as with a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

*Let us reflect for a moment on the greatness of creation and the Creator  
Take time to think of our need to be humble in God's presence as his children*

On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.  
You make the winds your messengers, flame and fire your servants.

*Pray for all who travel by air or sea, for all who work to bring people safely to their destination  
Pray for all who have suffered natural disasters recently and how they can rebuild their lives*

How many are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your creatures.  
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,  
with its creeping things past counting, living things great and small.

*Pray for more people to discover the truth of God by understanding creation more clearly  
Pray for a deeper sense of responsibility towards all God's creatures, great and small*

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up;  
you open wide your hand, they are well filled.

*Express your gratitude for all who work on the land and at sea to provide our food  
Think about those who do not have enough to eat and drink and how we can help them*

You hide your face, they are dismayed;  
you take away their breath, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

*Pray for a greater respect for human life from womb to tomb especially by our legislators  
Reflect on the gift of life we enjoy and commit yourself to use it to the full*