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Celebrating 'the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist'

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Our Preparation Group decided to follow the canonical readings of the day centred on the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

Hymn 1: Breathe on me, Breath of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5keJHZdWYM&list=RDM5keJHZdWYM&start_radio=1

Raquel

The celebration of Jesus's baptism gives us the opportunity to reflect and place in a modern perspective our own baptisms. Most of us, perhaps nearly all of us, were baptised a few days after our birth and our confirmations could have taken place at an early age.

What is the meaning today of our own baptism? How should we define our membership of the community of believers and followers of Jesus, in the Roman Catholic Church? What are our commitments?

Looking back, we can also reflect on what we have received in the Church, what we have contributed and where we are now.

1st Reading Isaiah 42, 1-4. 6-7 **Maeve**

This is what the Lord says "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

He will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Hymn 2: O Lord, hear my prayer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQ5fBYTW8Rw>.

2nd Reading (Acts 10,34-38): **Kochurani**

Then Peter began to speak:

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him".

Gospel (Matthew 3,13-17) **Virginia**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness". Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased".

Sharing **Hugo**

Let us now share our thoughts:

Ofertory **Tomás**

Lord, we offer you this bread that symbolises our desire to share food, especially with those who suffer hunger or need medicines and education.

Lord, we offer you this wine as a sign of the joy of life and our commitment to help everyone to reach a state of happiness.

Eucharistic Prayer

Alfonso Lord, our baptism was the symbol of our entry into your Church. Send us your Spirit, pouring out your Light and Love into our hearts.

Tomás Help us to reaffirm it every day by manifesting our desire to live according to Jesus' message on the path to the Kingdom.

José Manuel May we be followers of Jesus of Nazareth, who told us, 'Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am among you.'

Raquel In baptism, we received the faith of our parents and of so many believers in our society; may this common union of all, and of all with you, impel us to work for the building of peace.

Amelia We ask you for the strength to maintain our commitment as we sing this hymn of praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God of the Universe; heaven and earth are filled with your glory... Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hugo May the action of your Spirit make this bread and this wine be for us your blood and your body through union in your presence, fulfilling what you told us at your last supper:

All: Take and eat this bread, for this is my body which will be given up for you. And drink all of this cup, for it is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for all men for their liberation. Do this in memory of me.

Alfonso By sharing in this sacrament, we renew our baptismal commitment to live our faith by following your teachings and example.

All: This is the sacrament of our faith, we proclaim your death, we proclaim your resurrection, come Lord Jesus.

Raquel And now, joining our hearts, we pray the Our Father, the prayer that Jesus taught us...

'Our Father...who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen'

Amelia *Let us give each other the kiss of Peace as brothers in Christ.*

Communion: **José Manuel**

As we take the bread and wine let us listen to:

Hymn 3: La Misión 1

Thanksgiving **Amelia**

We thank you for having been born in the heart of a christian family which baptised us and taught us the life of Jesus of Nazareth; in this way it has been easy to feel ourselves accompanies by Jesus during our whole life. We also thank you for the friends with whom we have been able to share our faith in Him.

Hymn 4: La Mision 2

Farewell **Hugo**