

## **Podcast for The Baptism of Christ.**

Music: *Magi veniunt ab oriente. (The Magi come from the East)*  
*Jacobus Clemens*

Reading: Mark 1:1-11

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

It began <sup>2</sup> just as the prophet Isaiah had written:

“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
and he will prepare your way.<sup>[b]</sup>”

<sup>3</sup> He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming!

Clear the road for him!’ ”

<sup>4</sup> This messenger was John the Baptist.

He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.

<sup>5</sup> All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

<sup>6</sup> His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.

<sup>7</sup> John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals.

<sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

<sup>9</sup> One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River.

<sup>10</sup> As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove.

<sup>11</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

**Reflection**            **Anthony Archer**

## **Psalm 29**

1 Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.

3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father...

### **Collect**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Music:**        *Senex puerum portabat* (An old man carried the child).  
                    William Byrd

## **The Blessing**