

Readings for Baptism

Please chose one Reading from the list below and a Responsorial Psalm

New Testament

When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him: let us live a new life.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. **The Word of the Lord.**

To become true images of his Son

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory. After saying this, what can we add? With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. **The Word of the Lord.**

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. **The Word of the Lord.**

All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

You are, all of you, sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. **The Word of the Lord.**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. **The Word of the Lord**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Jesus Christ is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which he has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people at all and now you are the People of God; once you were outside the mercy and now you have been given mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall
want. Fresh and green
are the pastures where
he gives me repose. Near
restful waters he leads
me, to revive my
drooping spirit.

All, R

He guides me along the right
path; he is true to his name. If
I should walk in the valley of
darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook
and staff; with these you give
me comfort.

All, R

You have prepared a banquet
for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed
with oil; my cup is overflowing.

All, R

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life. In the
Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever
and ever.

All, R

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips; in
the Lord my soul shall make its
boast. The humble shall hear and
be glad. **All, R**

Look towards him and be
radiant; let your faces not be
abashed. This poor man
called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his
distress. **All, R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to
rescue them. Taste and see that the
Lord is good. He is happy who seeks
refuge in him. **All, R**

Then keep your tongue from
evil and your lips from
speaking deceit. Turn aside
from evil and do good; seek
and strive after peace. **All, R**

The Lord turns his face against the
wicked to destroy their remembrance
from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes
to the just and his ears to their appeal.
All, R

They call and the Lord hears and rescues
them in all their distress. The Lord is close
to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is
crushed he will save. **All, R**

R The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

All, R

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I
long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the
days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

All, R

It is your face, O Lord, that I
seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger,
you have been my help.

All, R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

All, R