

# Baptism of the Lord (A)

**Gospel text (Mt 3,13-17): At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, and said, «How is it you come to me: I should be baptized by you!». But Jesus answered him, «Let it be like that for now that we may fulfill the right order». John agreed. As soon as he was baptized, Jesus came up from the water. At once, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God come down like a dove and rest upon Him. At the same time a voice from heaven was heard, «This is my Son, the Beloved; he is my Chosen One».**

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## *The Baptism of Jesus foretells the mystery of the Triune God*

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Today, the image of an opened sky stands out: with Jesus the sky is open. His communion with the Father's will (fulfilling the righteousness), opens the sky because it is right there where, in essence, God's will is accomplished.

This is compounded by the proclamation of God, the Father, of Christ's mission; meaning not a do, but his being: He is the beloved Son on which rests the blessing of God. Finally, here we find, together with the Son, also the Father and the Holy Spirit: it foretells the mystery of the Triune God, which logically will also be revealed in depth during Jesus' entire path.

-The Baptism of Jesus Christ is linked with his apostolic mandate to go to all people and baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19) The baptism practiced by the disciples is the entry in the Baptism of Jesus: This is how one becomes Christian!