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The Baptism of the Lord C

Isaiah 40: 1 – 5, 9 – 11

Titus 2: 11 – 14; 3: 4 – 7

Luke 3: 15 -16, 21 – 22

Today we celebrate the 1st Sunday in Ordinary time with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when John baptizes his cousin Jesus in the Jordan. We are reminded that in our own baptism we are re-shaped so we can give our lives over to God, just as Jesus was about to do. In Baptism we are to drip God so we can live our lives wet. If we are mindful of this, we should be walking around as if we just emerged from the Baptismal font and soon wearing the uniform of the white garment.

Our baptism should give us the spiritual motivation to move closer to the kingdom of God (or the garden); and always for the sake of others. However, being baptized and in full communion with the church may not always affect this result. Baptism can be costly. All that God needs to hear is “Yes” – the same fait God heard from Mary.

Thanks be to God - many times we see in the stories of Jesus - and in our own lives too - people come with their own agenda and leave as ambassadors for God! This is wading in the waters... children!

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