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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Is 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm 29

Acts 10: 34-38

Mt 3: 13-17

Christ came from Galilee to Jordan to be baptized. It was the first of many times - of Christ's great humility. From the beginning Christ preached humility... which comes before honor.

Yet, it is John the Baptizer who acknowledges that *he* is the one who should be baptized by Christ. Both Jesus and John are humble in spirit before everyone. We too should heed this message of being humble before the Holy Spirit so we can hear the prayers God has for us.

God's favor with Christ is the sum of the whole gospel and is the voice from heaven. This is the Good News of peace, love, mercy, generosity and forgiveness. It is extended to the poor, forgotten and lonely people who have no voice and no hope - and to you.

In the Hebrew Testament of Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; a Servant is called to be a light to all nations, to open the eyes of the blind, and to bring out all those who live in confinement. The Servant is Jesus! Is this our beloved Savior, in whom we are well pleased?

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