



The Nativity of St John the Baptist – Year B – Day (P 1026) – 24/6/17

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

FIRST READING 49:1-6 Page 1026

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Islands listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born; from my mother’s womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp word, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into the sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, “You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified”; while I was thinking, “I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing”; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him; “It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠



Responsorial Psalm

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 13:22-26 page 1028

Christ ‘s coming was announced before and by the preaching of John.

Paul said, “God made David the king of our ancestors’ of whom he approved in these words, “I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose.” To keep his promised, God has raised up for Israel one of David’s descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, “I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.”

“My brothers, sons of Abraham’s race, and you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.”

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

John is his name.

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave a birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eight day when they came to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up, “No” she said “he is to be called John.” They said to her “But no one in your family has that name”, and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.”

And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill county of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. “What will this child turn out to be?” they wondered.

And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.** ◆

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having feasted at the banquet of the heavenly Lamb, we pray, O Lord, that, finding joy in the nativity of Saint John the Baptist, your Church may know as the author of her rebirth the Christ whose coming John foretold .

◆ **Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.** ◆

