

## Music Selections

- *We Receive Power*, James Marchionda, WLP
- *Proclaim to All the Nations*, David Haas, GIA
- *All the Ends of the Earth*, David Haas & Marty Haugen, GIA
- *The Summons*, John Bell, GIA, WLP, OCP
- *The Spirit Sends Us Forth*, AZMON, Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, OCP

## Reading

Select one of the readings from the feast or 2 Timothy 1:6–10a or one that the person giving the reflection would choose.

## Reflection

Invite someone to “proclaim the Good News” who can inspire others to let the power of the Spirit take hold. Ask the speaker to promote the notion of Christian vocation and challenge the community to consider, not only marriage or the single life, but also priesthood and the consecrated life.

## Baptismal Commitment

Refer to the *Sacramentary*, Easter renewal of vows. As a sign of their willingness to accept the baptismal call, invite the community to stand and bless themselves with the cross on forehead, lips, and heart as the leader prays: “May the Word of God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart as I proclaim the Good News.” Then invite them to come forward and lay their hands on the *Book of the Gospels* or on a Bible or Lectionary.

# National Vocation Awareness Week January 11 – 17, 2009

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
*Cycle B*

# Prayer Service

## Call to Prayer

**Leader:** We gather in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Let us take a moment to remember  
men and women we know who  
proclaim the Gospel with their lives.  
*(pause and invite assembly to name people  
aloud)*

**Leader:** With them let us proclaim the Good News

**All:** now and always. Amen.

## Opening Song

## Opening Prayer

Gracious God, You gift us with your son, Jesus.  
At his baptism you affirmed him as your beloved son.  
Jesus responded by proclaiming the Good News  
about your reign. Gift us all with open and generous  
hearts to further your reign here on Earth.  
Grant this through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Reading

## Reflection

## Baptismal Commitment

## Prayers of Intercessions

**Leader:** Relying on God's grace to help us to continue  
the mission of Jesus by proclaiming the Good  
News, let us pray:

**Leader:** You call people to married life.

**All:** Bless them with love, understanding, and  
fidelity as they proclaim the Good News.

**Leader:** You call people to the single life.

**All:** Bless them with compassion, joy, and  
dedication as they proclaim the Good News.

**Leader:** You call people to the consecrated life.

**All:** Bless them with courage, commitment, and  
passion as they proclaim the Good News.

**Leader:** You call people to the ordained life.

**All:** Bless them with faith, integrity, and zeal  
as they proclaim the Good News.

**Leader:** Gracious God, guide and strengthen all your  
people as they discern and live out their  
vocation in life. With gratitude we offer this  
prayer through Jesus Christ.

**All:** Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing of Peace

## Sending Forth Blessing

May God the Father, Source of All Life, lead us in the way of  
truth. **Amen.**

May God the Son, Beloved One, show us how to live a  
committed life. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, Gift of God, grace us with wisdom  
to choose life. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever. **Amen.**

## Closing Song