

# Our Lady of Peace School

**With Christ in our hearts, together we grow**

**The Baptism of our Lord**

# Introduction

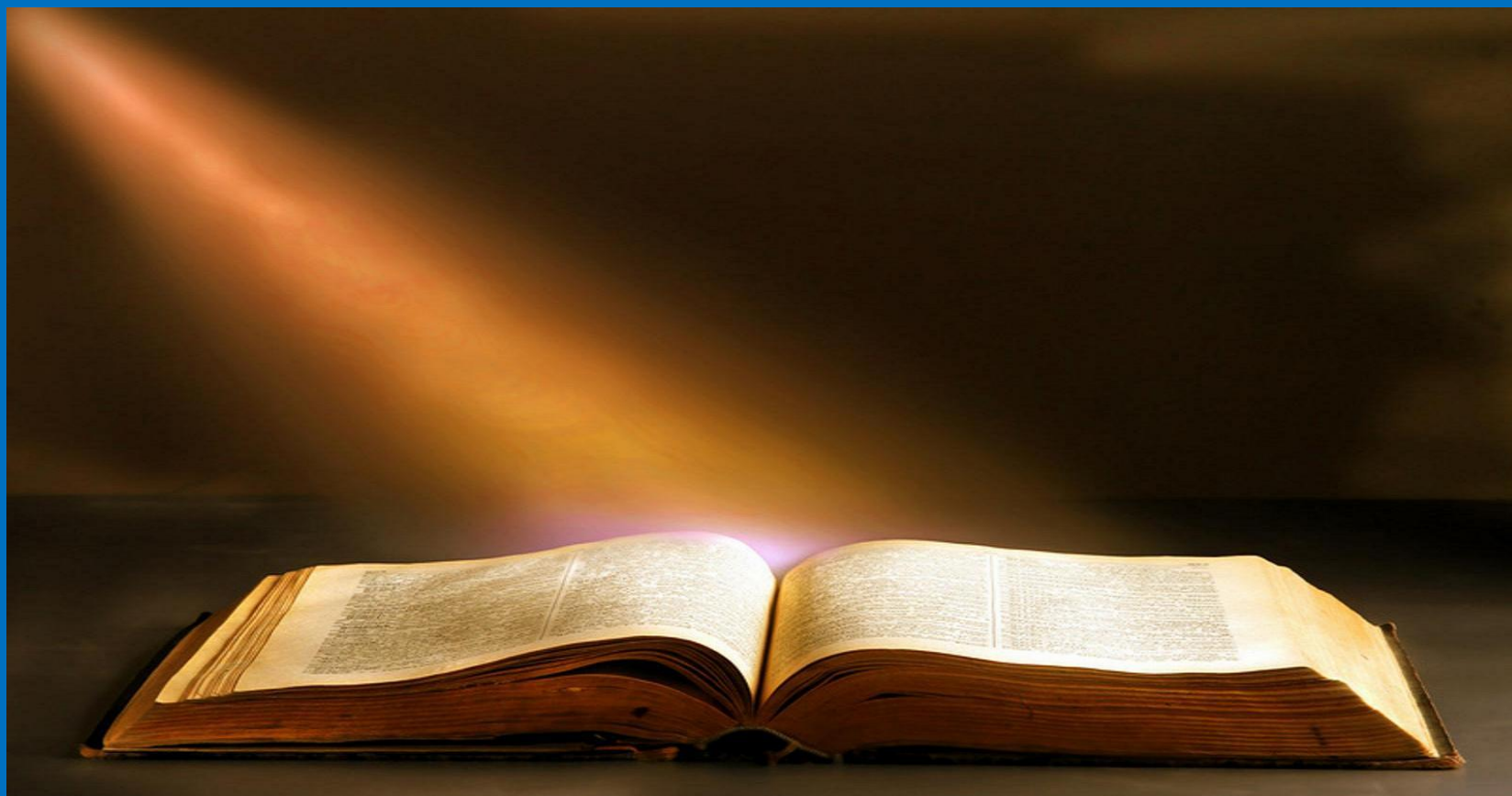


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In the Gospel today we hear a story about Jesus and how he was baptised by John the Baptist.

Let us all listen carefully about how the Holy Spirit is part of each of us when we are baptised.

# Gospel Acclamation



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As we listen to the story, let us  
praise him for his glory.

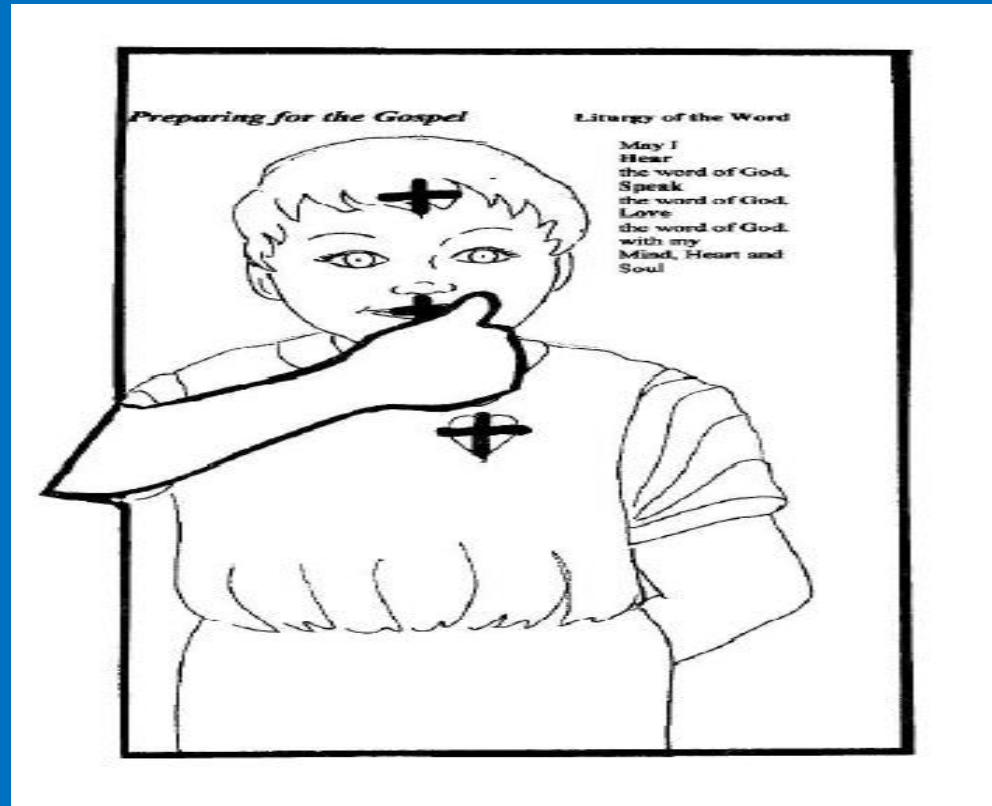
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

The Lord be with you

**Response: And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew

**Response: Glory to you, O Lord**





# Gospel



# Gospel Matthew- 3:13-17

Today we hear how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This was part of God's plan. The story reminds us of our own baptism, when God's spirit became a living spring in each of us.

Jesus came from Galilee to the banks of the River Jordan to be baptised by John the Baptist. John was surprised by this and said to him, 'Surely this is wrong and it should be you baptising me!' Jesus answered, 'We will do things this way for it is right to follow my Father's plan.' Reluctantly John agreed, and Jesus was baptised in the river. As he stood up in the water, the clouds parted and the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove and settled on Jesus. Then a voice from Heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love very much.'





# **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **Response; Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



# Reflection



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Jesus came to be baptised in order to receive the Holy Spirit for his work of teaching and healing which was about to begin, and so that everyone would know that he was the son of God. By his baptism Jesus showed the people a way to begin afresh so that they could grow in goodness. Jesus and many of the people baptised were grown-ups.

When are we usually baptised?

Can anybody tell me the important features of a ceremony of baptism?



# Important Features of baptism

1. Promises are made on behalf of the child by the Godparents to obey God's rules and to lead a Christian life.
2. Water is poured over the baby's head three times to represent the rebirth of the child by water and the Holy Spirit and the washing away of original sin of Adam and Eve.
3. The baby is anointed with holy oil called Chrism as a sign that God's spirit is making this person special, a member of God's family who shares everlasting life.
4. The baby is clothed in a white garment as a symbol of its purity as a child of God.
5. The Godparents or parents are given a candle for they have received the light of Christ and the flame of faith burns in their heart.

# Prayer



Begin by making a sign of the cross.

Each time we make the sign of the cross, it is a prayer without words.

Dear Jesus

Accept our sign of the cross as our prayer to you.

It reminds us that through our baptism we belong to you and are children of God.

Let all who are baptised walk together in the light of Christ.

Amen



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