

Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite The Birthday of St. John the Baptist (1st Cl.)

INTROIT *Isa. 49:1-2* The Lord has called me by my name from the womb of my mother, and he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he has protected me, and has made me as a chosen arrow. (*Ps 91:2*) It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing praise to your name, O Most High. V. Glory be ... – The Lord ...

COLLECT O God, who has made this day worthy of honor by the birth of blessed John: grant to your people the grace of spiritual joys, and direct the minds of all the faithful into the way of eternal salvation. Through our Lord ...

LESSON *Isa. 49:1-3, 5-7* Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." And now the LORD says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength -- he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

GRADUAL *Jer. 1:5, 9* Before I formed you in the bowels of your mother, I knew you: and before you came out of the womb I sanctified you. The Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth: and said to me.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. (*Luke 1: 76*) You, child, shall be called the Prophet of the highest; you shall go before the Lord to prepare His ways. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 1: 57-68.* Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zechari'ah after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zechari'ah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.

OFFERTORY *Psalms 111:13.* The just shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus.

SECRET We heap our gifts upon your altars, O Lord, as we celebrate with due honor the Birthday of him who both proclaimed the coming of the Savior of the world and pointed him out when came, even our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives...

Preface of St. John the Baptist (or Common)

COMMUNION *Luke 1:76* You, child, shall be called the Prophet of the Highest; for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.

POSTCOMMUNION Let your Church, O Lord, rejoice at the birth of blessed John the Baptist; through whom she came to know the Author of her own new birth, even our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son: Who lives and reigns ...