



2nd SUNDAY  
18 JANUARY 26 – Cycle A



## IMERCED IN VOICE



### **SETTING**

Today we return to the Jordan, that symbolic place where God allows himself to be recognized in the midst of history.

John points to Jesus and names him: the Lamb of God, the Chosen One, the one upon whom the Spirit rests.

Jesus does not impose himself from the outside, but rather manifests himself in the midst of his people, sharing our condition.

The Spirit that descended upon him continues to act today, opening our eyes and our hearts.

Let us celebrate this Word as a call to live awake, guided by the Spirit, to transform life and the world.

## **SONG. THIS IS THE SON, FATHERS DELIGHT**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PX5HsKqVZF0>

### **GOSPEL – John 1, 29-34**

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’ Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and remaining on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” I have seen and testify that this is God’s Chosen One.’”

### **We delve deeper into the Word of God for today**

#### **Is 49, 3.5-6.**

The “Third Servant Song” concerns the mission of a mysterious figure. Very early on, Christian tradition saw in him a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus.

**Psalm 39:2-10.** Following Christ, we dare to say to God: “Here we are, Lord, to do your will. May your Kingdom come!”

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3.** In Christian language, the supreme gift offered in Jesus Christ to all, without exception, is salvation.

**John 1, 29-34.** The final formula is very solemn: “Yes, and I have seen and testify that this is the Chosen One of God.” In the time of John the Baptist, this was the way of saying that Jesus was the Messiah they were waiting for, the one who was to bring perfect joy to the earth. John the Baptist could not yet grasp the full mystery of Jesus, but the fact that he applied the title of Messiah to his cousin, the son of Mary, was already significant! The truth is that Jesus is designated by John the Baptist as the Messiah who had been waited for centuries. Clearly, we can ask ourselves what allows John the Baptist to affirm without hesitation and with

complete certainty that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel. It is simply what he saw with his own eyes: the Holy Spirit abiding upon him. And here, too, the formula is very solemn: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove and remain on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’” When John the Baptist says that Jesus is the Lamb of God, he presents him as a liberator of humanity (he is the Passover Lamb). It is true that sin has not disappeared, so how and why can we say that Jesus is truly the Messiah who liberates humanity? The truth is that sin is no longer inevitable: Jesus Christ offers us the possibility of freeing ourselves from the clutches of sin. If we remain grafted onto him in all circumstances of our lives, if we allow ourselves to be constantly guided by the Holy Spirit in whom we were immersed on the day of our Baptism, we will be able to discover this new freedom within ourselves. Like Jesus, we can experience love, grace, and forgiveness.

### **I pray with the word**

We begin Ordinary Time in this new chronological year, a time to discover the presence of God, and in my prayer time I ask myself if the eyes of my heart are open to discover the Spirit, the presence of God in the circumstances of daily life, both the easy and the complicated.



### **AMBIENTAL MUSIC. IN THE GARDEN**

[https://youtu.be/zT6mei\\_hQnQ?si=-y5pnsW0NrDA\\_a3r](https://youtu.be/zT6mei_hQnQ?si=-y5pnsW0NrDA_a3r)

## WATER POWERS US

God of living water,  
who watches from close by,  
makes yourself present in history  
and teaches us  
not to flee from the world.

Jesus, beloved Son,  
John points you out in the  
Jordan  
as the Lamb,  
the Chosen One,  
the one upon whom the Spirit  
rests.

You do not impose yourself  
from above,  
you manifest yourself in the  
midst of the people  
and show us that to love  
is to give, not to dominate.

The Spirit that descended  
upon you  
also reaches us,  
silent and faithful,  
awakening in us  
new life.

Take from us  
fear and complacency,  
the excuses that paralyze,  
the dormant faith  
that does not dare to bear  
witness.

Give us hearts of justice,  
steps that do not shy away,  
hands that care,  
pure words  
and gestures that heal.

Let us live out our baptism  
in the street and at home,  
in the small and the fragile,  
defending life  
and dignity.

Send us into the world.

May others discover  
in us,  
your living presence  
and hear, through our lives,  
that your love continues to act  
today.

## CANTO. SANTIAGO BENAVIDES - SENCILLA

[https://youtu.be/NEfQL0yJuY?si=LTe221\\_mfLLCRWt1](https://youtu.be/NEfQL0yJuY?si=LTe221_mfLLCRWt1)



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