

*Lectio Divina*  
*Baptism of the Lord*  
*January 9, 2021*

*Greeting and Opening Prayer*

**Part I**

- 1) Hear the text read.
- 2) Recall the text by saying a word or short phrase that touched your heart. Listen to what others say. If someone says your word, simply repeat it again.

**Part II:** Commentary by Brian McDermott, SJ

**Part III:** Hear/See the text again with 5 mins silence

**Part IV: Reflection and Sharing in Small Groups**

- ◇ Share your reflections on what is happening in the text and what it means today.
- ◇ What do you observe?
- ◇ Is there anything that leaves you perplexed/confused?
- ◇ What does this text mean to you?
- ◇ What has praying with this text called forth from you personally?
- ◇ What needs to change in you having read this text?
- ◇ What difference will this text make in your life?

**Part V: Give Thanks**

Offer petitionary prayers to God.

*Closing Prayer*

*Mark 1:7-11 New Revised Standard Version*

He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with[a] water; but he will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit.”

*The Baptism of Jesus*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;[c] with you I am well pleased.”

Footnotes

- a. Mark 1:8 Or in
- b. Mark 1:8 Or in
- c. Mark 1:11 Or my beloved Son



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