

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Day One - The Call

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist we reflect on him as one who was chosen by God.



*St John the Baptist be with us as we too strive to
witness to God alive in our world*

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 1, 2a, 3-5, 9-1 (Jerusalem Bible)

"Console my people, give them comfort," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem's heart, and tell it that it's time of service is ended." A voice cries out, "Clear a path through the wilderness for the Living God! Make a straight road through the desert for our God! Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low; let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges become a valley!" Go up on a high mountain, you who bring good news to Zion! Shout with a loud voice you who bring good news to Jerusalem! Shout without fear and say to the towns of Judah "here is your God!" Living God, O Sovereign One, you come

with power and rule with a strong arm! You bring your reward with you, and your reparation comes before you. Like a shepherd you feed your flock, gathering the lambs and holding them close, and leading mother ewes with gentleness.

Reflection

John was chosen by God. You are invited to contemplate God's choice of you.

What in this passage touches your heart?

To what does this call you?

How are you moved to pray?

We encourage you to write or illustrate your reflections.

Response

We pray in solidarity with each other

God of hospitality and mission,
we call upon John the Baptist,
to give us courage to witness to the Word of God
in what we say and do.

May we be hope-givers in our world.

(Taken from a prayer for St John the Baptist – rsj website)



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