

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Day Two - The Witness

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist we reflect on his response to God's call in his life.



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

Scripture

John 1:19-34 (adapted)

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Messiah." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" and he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." so they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" he said: "I am 'the voice of one crying

out in the desert, "Make straight the way of the Lord," ' as Isaiah the prophet said."

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, "a man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptise with the holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Matthew 11:11

I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen.

Reflection

John witnessed to the Son of God. You are invited to contemplate how you give witness to the Son of God.

What in this story 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)