

BAPTISM (USING BAPTISM OF LORD READING) – PRAY

1. Why would Christ need Baptism

St. Maximus of Turin: Christ is Baptized, not to be made holy by the water
But to make the water holy

To purify the water, consecrating it as a sacramental for all that were to follow.

2. In Baptism we become family & As family – in faith – we have victory over the world

3. Baptism is our:

1. Initiation into People of God

2. Call to discipleship

3. Commission into ministry

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4. This was the beginning of Jesus' ministry & Baptism initiated that mission

On the Jordon, Jesus is Initiated, Called, and Commissioned into ministry

Affirmed by God “You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased”

In Baptism – in THAT FONT – we too are initiated, called and commissioned.

As you dip your hands into those miniature baptismal fonts coming in and out of church
think of your DIGNITY, CALL, and God's statement of your commission

“You are my beloved, in whom I am well pleased – Go and be my disciple”