

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus	The wedding at Cana	The proclamation of God's Kingdom	The Transfiguration	The Eucharist
Matthew 3:16-17	John 2:1-5	Mark 1:15	Matthew 17:1-2	Matthew 26:26
<p>Jesus began his public ministry by being baptised by John the Baptist. Jesus led by example showing us all the importance of Baptism and of our commitment to God. John baptised people with water, but God baptises us with the Holy Spirit, bringing about the forgiveness of sins. As we contemplate this mystery let us consider the times we have gone against God and ask for his mercy and forgiveness.</p>	<p>The last words spoken by Mary are found in this piece of scripture and through these words Mary gives us all instructions that should guide our lives. "Do whatever he tells you" We pray that just as Mary trusted completely in the will of God we too might trust in God and follow the plans he has laid out for us.</p>	<p>Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God and we are all called to be a part of it. This kingdom is not an exclusive club for the wealthy or more privileged or even the most Holy. Rather God's kingdom is for everyone no matter who you are, where you come from, what your life has looked like or what you have done - you are all called to be a part of the kingdom of God. Let us rejoice in the wondrousness of this!</p>	<p>The disciples had long speculated about who Jesus was. Peter identified him as the Messiah - the one they had been waiting for - and in this moment Jesus revealed his glory, the glory of his father to his most closest followers. As we pray this decade let us reflect on who Jesus is to us and whether we recognise how great God is.</p>	<p>At the last supper Jesus shared his very self with his disciples in the form of bread and wine. This holy meal unites us in love with God and with one another so that we become the one body of Christ. In the same way that Jesus handed himself over as an example, we are being asked in our own way to hand over our bodies as well—in loving service to the Christian community.</p>