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## LITANY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

—Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB



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Lord, have mercy on us.  
*Christ, have mercy on us.*  
Lord have mercy on us

Christ, hear us.  
*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer  
of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
*Pray for us.*

Cousin of Elizabeth,  
*Pray for us.*

Voice bringing joy to John in  
the womb, *Pray for us.*

Saint John the Baptist,  
*Pray for us*

Man sent from God,  
Messenger foretold in  
prophecy,  
Child of Elizabeth and  
Zechariah,  
Filled with the Holy  
Spirit,  
Leaping in your mother's  
womb,  
Greatest born of woman,  
Bringing joy and  
gladness  
by your birth,  
Great before the Lord,  
Strengthened in spirit,  
Living in the wilderness,  
Made manifest to Israel,  
Prophet of the most  
High,  
Last and greatest of the  
prophets,  
More than a prophet,  
The Elijah who was to  
come,

*Pray for us.*

*Pray for us*

*Pray for us.*

*Pray for us.*

Forerunner and herald  
of the Lord,  
Voice crying in the  
wilderness,  
Calling to repentance,  
Reconciling fathers and  
sons,  
Warning of judgement  
to come,  
Making ready a people  
prepared,  
Preparing a way for the  
Lord,  
Preaching a baptism for  
the forgiveness of  
sins,  
Preaching Good News  
to the people,  
Witness to the Light,  
Pointer to the Lamb,  
Fulfilling all  
righteousness,  
Baptising the Lord,  
Witness of the Trinity,

*Pray for us.*

*Pray for us*

*Pray for us.*

*Pray for us.*

Friend of the Bridegroom,  
Upholder of the Law of  
God,  
Defender of lawful  
marriage,  
Arrested, imprisoned,  
beheaded,  
Martyr to the truth,  
Intercessor before the  
Father,

*Pray for us.*

*Pray for us*

Lamb of God, who takes  
away the sins of the  
world,  
*Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes  
away the sins of the  
world,  
*Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes  
away the sins of the  
world,  
*Have mercy on us, O Lord.*

Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously, hear us.*

V. Pray for us, St John the  
Baptist,

R. That we may be made  
worthy of the promises of  
Christ.

Almighty God, by whose  
providence your servant  
John the Baptist was born  
and sent to prepare the way  
for your Son, the Lamb of  
God, enable us by his prayers  
to bear the fruits that befit  
repentance and become  
ourselves friends of the  
Bridegroom, who lives and  
reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.