

# Jesus in Compassionate Solidarity



*“The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River...”*

*...At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.<sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.”*

Mark 1: 1-10

# The Moment Jesus Surrenders Unique Individuality and Embraces Interconnectedness

Is The Very Moment a voice comes from heaven:

“You are my Son, whom I love;  
with you I am well pleased.”

# A Prayer for Interconnectedness and Renewal

*Lord God, we praise you, thank you, and trust that you are a God who breathes peace into our chaos and shines light into our darkness. You are always longing and willing to restore and renew us. Today, we plunge once again into the waters of our baptism, repenting of our individualism and embracing our interconnectedness. Forgive us and forgive our nation for our rampant individualism and lack of humility. Draw us ever more deeply into prayer, praise, and service to others. In the power of your Holy Spirit, heal and restore your beloved children to be a fresh wind of love and a light to the nations.*

*Amen.*

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