

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by
water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our
calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your

offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

PSALM Psalm 29

R *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**



The voice of the Lord splits the flash
of lightning; the voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of
Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak
trees writhe and strips the
forests bare;
in his temple all cry, "Glory!" R

The Lord sits enthroned above the
water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for
evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his
people;
the Lord shall give his people the
blessing of peace. R

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

When the apostles at Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the
word of God, they sent Peter and
John to them. The two went down
and prayed for them that they might
receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the
Spirit had not come upon any of them;
they had only been baptised in the
name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter
and John laid their hands on them,
and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

As the people were filled with
expectation, and all were questioning

in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Messiah,
John answered all of them by saying,
"I baptise you with water; but one
who is more powerful than I is coming;
I am not worthy to untie the thong
of his sandals. He will baptise you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear
his threshing-floor and to gather
the wheat into his granary; but the
chaff he will burn with unquenchable
fire." Now when all the people were
baptised, and when Jesus also had
been baptised and was praying, the
heaven was opened, and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him in bodily
form like a dove. And a voice came
from heaven, "You are my Son, the
Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your
beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of
our rebirth
through the waters of the new
creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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