

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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 baptize 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 baptize 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 baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized 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."

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1 EPIPHANY

First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our LORD



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COLLECT

Traditional

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Contemporary

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

NOW 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 Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, 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."

Refrain

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.

Psalm 29 *from the Book Common Prayer*

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| 1 Ascribe to the LORD,
you gods, * ascribe to
the LORD glory and
strength. | 3 The voice of the LORD
is upon the waters;
the God of glory
thunders; * the LORD
is upon the mighty
waters. |
| 2 Ascribe to the LORD
the glory due his
Name; * worship the
LORD in the beauty of
holiness. | 4 The voice of the LORD
is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD
is a voice of splendor. |

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| 5 The voice of the LORD
breaks the cedar
trees; * the LORD
breaks the cedars of
Lebanon; | writhe * and strips the
forests bare. |
| 6 He makes Lebanon
skip like a calf, * and
Mount Hermon like
a young wild ox. | 9 And in the temple
of the LORD * all are
crying, "Glory!" |
| 7 The voice of the LORD
splits the flames of
fire; the voice of the
LORD shakes the
wilderness; * the LORD
shakes the wilderness
of Kadesh. | 10 The LORD sits
enthroned above the
flood; * the LORD sits
enthroned as King
for evermore. |
| 8 The voice of the LORD
makes the oak trees | 11 The LORD shall give
strength to his
people; * the LORD
shall give his people
the blessing of
peace. |

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

NOW 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 baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.