

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.
 But 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 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.*

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 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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