

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 Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created
the heavens and the earth, the earth
was a formless void and darkness
covered the face of the deep, while
a wind from God swept over the face
of the waters. Then God said, "Let
there be light"; and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the
darkness. God called the light Day,
and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was
morning, the first day.

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 19:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul
passed through the inland regions
and came to Ephesus, where he found
some disciples. He said to them, "Did
you receive the Holy Spirit when you
became believers?" They replied, "No,
we have not even heard that there
is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into
what then were you baptized?" They
answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul
said, "John baptized with the baptism
of repentance, telling the people to
believe in the one who was to come
after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing
this, they were baptized in the name of
the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his

hands on them, the Holy Spirit came
upon them, and they spoke in tongues
and prophesied – altogether there
were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

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

John the baptizer appeared in the
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the forgiveness
of sins. And people from the whole
Judean countryside and all the people
of Jerusalem were going out to him,
and were baptized by him in the river
Jordan, confessing their sins. Now
John was clothed with camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey. He
proclaimed, "The one who is more
powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down and
untie the thong of his sandals. I have
baptized you with water; but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In
those days Jesus came from Nazareth
of Galilee and was baptized by John
in the Jordan. And just as he was
coming up out of the water, he saw
the heavens torn apart and the Spirit
descending like a dove on him. And a
voice came from heaven, "You are my
Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased."

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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.

