

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 voice of the Lord is upon
the waters
[the God of glory thunders].*

or

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

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and
strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due
to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness. **R**

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

The voice of the Lord breaks the
cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of
Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young
wild ox. **R**

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.
The voice of the Lord makes the
oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above
the 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.*

In the wilderness John proclaimed
a baptism of repentance. 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."

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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.