

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."

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.