

# Baptism of our Lord

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### 1st Reading

#### Genesis 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> 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

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:  
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord upon the great waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes them skip like a calf:  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

## 2nd Reading

### Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> 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.' <sup>3</sup> Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' <sup>4</sup> 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.' <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

## Gospel

### Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'