

# The Baptism of Our Lord

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## Collect

Spirit of energy and change,  
in whose power Jesus was anointed  
to be the hope of the nations:  
be poured out also upon us  
without reserve or distinction,  
that we may have confidence  
and strength to implant your justice on the earth;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 1st Reading

### Genesis 1.1-5

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

- 1** Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King Of Solomon. Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2** May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.
- 3** May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> May he live Gk: Heb may they fear you while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

## 2nd Reading

### Acts 19.1-7

**1** While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. **2** 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." **3** Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." **4** 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." **5** On hearing

this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— **7** altogether there were about twelve of them.

## **Gospel**

### **Mark 1.4-11**

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