

Sunday 9th January 2022

Baptism of Christ

Prayer for the day

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.
Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 43:1–7

[1] But now thus says the
LORD, he who created you, O
Jacob, he who formed you, O
Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed
you;
I have called you by name, you
are mine.

[2] 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.

[3] For I am the LORD
your God, the Holy One of
Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt
as your ransom, Cush and Seba
in exchange for you.

[4] Because you are
precious in my eyes, and
honoured, and I love you, I give
men in return for you, peoples in
exchange for your life.

[5] Fear not, for I am
with you; I will bring your
offspring from the east, and from
the west I will gather you.

[6] I will say to the north,
Give up, and to the south, Do not

withhold; bring my sons from
afar
and my daughters from the end
of the earth,

[7] everyone who is
called by my name, whom I
created for my glory, whom I
formed and made.” (ESV)

Second Reading Acts 8:14–17

[14] Now when the apostles at
Jerusalem heard that Samaria
had received the word of God,
they sent to them Peter and John,
[15] who came down and prayed
for them that they might receive
the Holy Spirit, [16] for he had
not yet fallen on any of them, but
they had only been baptized in
the name of the Lord Jesus. [17]
Then they laid their hands on
them and they received the Holy
Spirit. (ESV)

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

[15] As the people were in
expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts
concerning John, whether he
might be the Christ, [16] John
answered them all, saying, “I
baptize you with water, but he
who is mightier than I is coming,
the strap of whose sandals I am
not worthy to untie. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit
and fire. [17] His winnowing
fork is in his hand, to clear his
threshing floor and to gather the
wheat into his barn, but the chaff
he will burn with unquenchable
fire.” (ESV)

Luke 3:21–22

[21] Now when all the people
were baptized, and when Jesus
also had been baptized and was
praying, the heavens were
opened, [22] and the Holy Spirit

descended on him in bodily
form, like a dove; and a voice
came from heaven, “You are my
beloved Son; with you I am well
pleased.” (ESV)

Final Prayer

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.
Amen.

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