

Sentence

**The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'**

## The Baptism of Our Lord

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### Prayer of the Day

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.**

### A reading from the book of Isaiah,

*Chapter 43 beginning at Verse 1*

*43<sup>1</sup>But now 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.*

*<sup>2</sup>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.*

*<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God,*

*the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I give Egypt as your ransom,*

*Ethiopia[a] and Seba in exchange for you.*

*<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,*

*and honored, and I love you,*

*I give people in return for you,*

*nations in exchange for your life.*

<sup>5</sup> *Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup> 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—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,*

[NRSV Isaiah 43:1-7]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

### 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.

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 8 beginning at Verse 14

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come<sup>[a]</sup> upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John<sup>[b]</sup> laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. [NRSV Acts 8.14-17]

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### The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 15

#### ***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize 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 baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> 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."<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup> But Herod the ruler,<sup>[c]</sup> who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup> added to them all by shutting up John in prison.<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> 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;<sup>[d]</sup> with you I am well pleased."<sup>[e]</sup>

[NRSV Luke 3:15-22]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***