

**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 Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of  
 heaven,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to  
 his name;  
 worship the Lord in the beauty of  
 holiness.  
 The voice of the Lord is upon the  
 waters; the God of glory thunders;  
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in  
 operation;  
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious  
 voice.  
 The voice of the Lord breaks the  
 cedar trees;  
 the Lord breaks the cedars of  
 Lebanon;  
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
 and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash  
 of lightning; 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;  
 in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the  
 water 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.*

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.

