

Baptism of the Lord Year C

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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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43.1-7*

¹ 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.
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,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ 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.
⁵ Do not fear, 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 them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
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.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 8.14-17*

¹⁴ When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they

sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went
down and prayed for them that they might

receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord

Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Hear the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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 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 granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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. **Amen.**