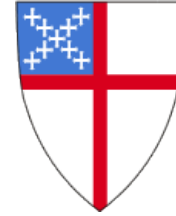


The Lessons Appointed for Use on the  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**The Baptism of our Lord**



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Isaiah 43:1-7  
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Psalm 29

**Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7**

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 Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
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.  
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."

**The Word of the Lord**

## The Psalm (sung at 10:30)

### Psalm 29

#### *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you | gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and | strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his | Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory | thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful | voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of | splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a | calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild | ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of | Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees | writhe \*  
and strips the forests | bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the | LORD \*  
all are crying, | “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the | flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever- | more.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his | people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of | peace.

## **The New Testament**

### **Acts 8:14-17**

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 baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## **The Word of the Lord**

## **The Gospel**

### **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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 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. 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 baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized 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. "