



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7–13

LECTIONARY 1

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹But now thus says the LORD,

the one who created you, O Jacob,

the one who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

²When 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.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because 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.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I 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—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.”

Word of God, word of life.

or

The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 29

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The 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).

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

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy gospel according to Luke.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

¹⁶John 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 strap of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷With a winnowing fork in hand, he will clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into his granary, burning the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

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

²²and 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.