

Order of Service, Readings, and Prayer

Due to circumstances beyond my control,

as of 9:15 AM Saturday January 11th

An Order of Service for

the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday was not yet available.



Today's Readings

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

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,
Ethiopia 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.

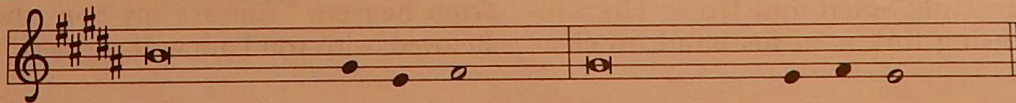
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from
the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

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."

Psalm

Psalm 29; tone 7



Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD
glo- ¹ ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD
the glory ¹ due God's name;
worship the LORD
in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD
is upon the waters;
the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon
the ¹ mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD
is a pow- ¹ erful voice;
the voice of the LORD
is a ¹ voice of splendor.

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Psalm, continued

⁵The voice of the LORD
breaks the ¹cedar trees;
the LORD
breaks the ce- ¹dars of Lebanon;
⁶the LORD makes Lebanon
skip ¹like a calf,
and Mount Hermon
like a ¹young wild ox.
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bursts forth in ¹lightning flashes.
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¹shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- ¹ness
of Kadesh.

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makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD
all are ¹crying, "Glory!"
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a- ¹bove the flood;
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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.

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, 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 thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear

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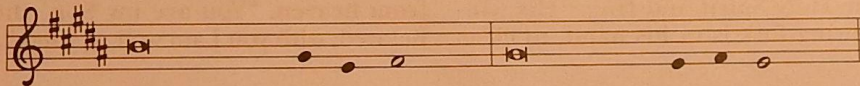
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