

Readings and Prayer Only for

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

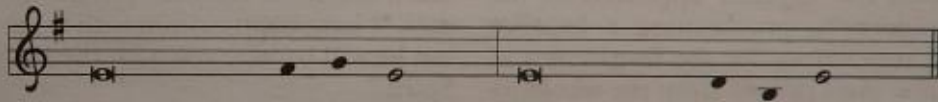
Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm

Psalm 29; tone 8



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.

⁵The voice of the LORD
breaks the ¹ cedar trees;

the LORD
breaks the ce-¹ dars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon
skip ¹ like a calf,
and Mount Hermon
like a ¹ young wild ox.

⁷The voice ¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD
¹ shakes the wilderness;
the LORD
shakes the wilder-¹ ness
of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD
makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹ forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD
all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"

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¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned
a-¹bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned
as king for-¹ evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength
to your people;
give them, O LORD,
the bless-¹ings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said,

"John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop

down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."