

## COLLECT

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.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*  
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.  
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 Saviour. I give  
Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and  
Seba in exchange for you. 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. 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."

## PSALM Psalm 29

**R** *The Lord shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of  
heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due  
to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the  
waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in  
operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious  
voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the  
cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of  
Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the  
flash of lightning; the voice of the  
Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of  
Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the  
oak trees writhe and strips the  
forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the  
water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for  
evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his  
people;  
the Lord shall give his people the  
blessing of peace. **R**

## SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

*A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles.*

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

## GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

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

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 baptise 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 baptise 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  
baptised, and when Jesus also had  
been baptised 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."

## 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.

