

## Readings – The Baptism of Our Lord 07-01-2024

### Sentence

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10.38

### Collect

Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that all who are baptised into his name  
may keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Genesis 1: 1-5**

Our first reading is taken from Genesis, chapter 1 beginning at verse 1

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the 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. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

Our Psalm today comes from Psalm 29. I will read one verse, and I invite you to respond with the next verse,

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> **He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

## **Acts 19: 1-7**

Our second reading is taken from Acts, chapter 19, beginning at verse 1

<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He 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.' <sup>3</sup> Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' <sup>4</sup> Paul 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.' <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Mark 1: 4-11**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark,  
chapter 1, beginning at verse 4,

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**