

# First Sunday after the Epiphany

## The Collect:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>Because 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. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>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— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## Psalm: Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.  
<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.  
<sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.  
<sup>11</sup>The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**New Testament:** Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>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."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>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."