



1 EPIPHANY

First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord



Revised Common Lectionary

COLLECT

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Traditional

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

HERE IS MY SERVANT, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the

LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Refrain

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.

Psalm 29 *from The Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 Ascribe to the LORD,
you gods, * ascribe to
the LORD glory and
strength. | 5 The voice of the LORD
breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the
cedars of Lebanon; |
| 2 Ascribe to the LORD the
glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness. | 6 He makes Lebanon skip
like a calf, * and Mount
Hermon like a young
wild ox. |
| 3 The voice of the LORD
is upon the waters; the
God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the
mighty waters. | 7 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. |
| 4 The voice of the LORD is
a powerful voice; * the
voice of the LORD is a
voice of splendor. | 8 The voice of the LORD
makes the oak trees |

writhe * and strips the
forests bare.

LORD sits enthroned as
King for evermore.

9 And in the temple of the
LORD * all are crying,
“Glory!”

11 The LORD shall give
strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his
people the blessing of
peace.

10 The LORD sits enthroned
above the flood; * the

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK to Cornelius and those who had assembled: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

JESUS CAME FROM GALILEE to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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