

## 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 Genesis 1:1-5

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

In the beginning when God created  
 the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, "Let  
 there be light"; and there was light.  
 And God saw that the light was good;  
 and God separated the light from the  
 darkness. God called the light Day,  
 and the darkness he called Night.  
 And there was evening and there was  
 morning, the first day.

## PSALM Psalm 29

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

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to  
 his name;  
 worship the Lord in the beauty of  
 holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the  
 waters;  
 the God of glory thunders;  
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
 The voice of the Lord is a powerful  
 voice;  
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of  
 splendour. **R**  
 The voice of the Lord breaks the  
 cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of  
 Lebanon;  
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild  
 ox. **R**

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.  
 The voice of the Lord makes the oak  
 trees writhe  
 and strips the forests bare.  
 And in the temple of the Lord  
 all are crying, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the  
 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 19:1-7

*A reading from the Acts of the  
 Apostles.*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul  
 passed through the inland regions  
 and came to Ephesus, where he  
 found some disciples. 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."  
 Then he said, "Into what then were  
 you baptized?" They answered,  
 "Into John's baptism." 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." On  
 hearing this, they were baptized in  
 the name of the Lord Jesus. When  
 Paul had laid his hands on them, the  
 Holy Spirit came upon them, and they  
 spoke in tongues and prophesied

– altogether there were about twelve  
 of them.

## GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

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

John the baptizer appeared in the  
 wilderness, proclaiming a baptism  
 of repentance for the forgiveness  
 of sins. 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. Now John was clothed  
 with camel's hair, with a leather belt  
 around his waist, and he ate locusts  
 and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with  
 water; but he will baptize you with  
 the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus  
 came from Nazareth of Galilee and  
 was baptized by John in the Jordan.  
 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. 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.