



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY AFTER JANUARY 6

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The Lectionary for Winter Ordinary time begins with the Baptism of our Lord and continues through the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from the book of Genesis

God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And 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, one day.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 29 [page 620]

Acts 19:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?

While Apol'los was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And 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, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Mark 1:4-11

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard,
this is my beloved Son; with Him I am well pleased.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The ☩ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

You are my Son, the beloved; my favor rests on you.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there

went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.