



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7–13

LECTIONARY 1

Year B

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from Genesis.

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth,
²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
³Then God said,
“Let there be light,” and there was light.
⁴And God saw that the light was good,
and God separated the light from the darkness.
⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 29

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth,
Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus,
where he found some disciples.
²He 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.”
³Then Paul said, “Into what, then, were you baptized?”
They answered, “Into John’s baptism.”
⁴Paul 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.”
⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ►

⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them,
and they spoke in tongues and prophesied,
⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
⁵And the whole Judean region
and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him
and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.
⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair,
with a leather belt around his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey.
⁷He proclaimed,
"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me,
the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie."
⁸I have baptized you with water,
but the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
¹⁰And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water,
he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him.
¹¹And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.