First Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

The Baptism of our Lord

The Collect:

Rite I:
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.

Rite II:
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 Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

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

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

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
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.
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to
Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2 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." 3 Then he said, "Into what, then, were you baptized?" They
answered, "Into John's baptism." 4 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." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul
had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues
and prophesied, 7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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

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

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