

**Baptism of Our Lord/
First Sunday after Epiphany**

Year C

Color: White

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, mercifully hear our prayers. Grant that we may both perceive and know the things we ought to do, and give us, we pray, the grace and power to do them; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Lord Jesus Christ, at your baptism John said you would bring separation and judgment, as when wheat is winnowed and gathered, and the chaff burned. We pray that we may so live in the light of your epiphany that our hearts may be garnered for eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may direct us according to your will, comfort us in all afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, steadfast in faith, may ever increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

Gracious God and Father, we pray for all who have wandered from the faith, or who are in doubt or temptation. By your Word and Spirit open to them the way of return, that they may again find delight in you, and walk again on the way to life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FROM CALAMITY & ATTACK

Gracious God and Father, you have taught us: "Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen guard it in vain." Hear our prayer and watch over us, as we face the ever-present threat of terrorist attacks, from within and from abroad. You are our shield, our refuge and our strength in trouble Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy that, being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise, with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, increase in faith, hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
