

Baptism of Our Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany

Series C

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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, John warned that your epiphany would be like a threshing floor where the chaff is separated and burned while the wheat is garnered. We pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, the light of your coming may purify and gather our hearts 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.

FOR FATHERS

Gracious Father, we give thanks today for all faithful fathers who give of their love, their labor, their lives, to provide physical and spiritual needs for their families. We pray that you would continue to bless fathers, and enable them to reflect your fatherly goodness. 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 you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**
