

# Baptism of Our Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany

## Series B

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### LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

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.**

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)

#### ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 1:4-11

Gracious Father, as Jesus stood with repentant sinners in the cleansing water of baptism, you confirmed in him your pleasure as the beloved Son. Confirm also in us, your baptized, the pleasure of seeing the heavens opened. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty and everlasting God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant that your Holy Spirit may so rule in our hearts that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, may serve you in holiness and purity, and may give you continual thanks for all your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS

Lord God, you equip your people for ministry with unique and diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pour out upon us the fullness of your multiple gifts, and the power to use them, always to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR UNITY IN THE FAITH

Lord, you made us to be one body and of one spirit. Remove from us all false teachings that would divide us and subvert your truth that we, your people, gathered from all nations, may serve you faithfully in the unity of the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR MISSIONS

Lord of the nations, you commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations. Make us ready and willing to build upon the labors of those who went before us, and grant that those who follow will be able to build upon our work, that we with them, and they with us, may fulfill your command. 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.**

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