

# Baptism of our Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany

## Series A

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### LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

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

#### ON THE GOSPEL READING: *Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Jesus) Matthew 3:13-17*

Gracious Father, you declared Jesus your beloved Son, and the Spirit descended upon him declaring his eternal and divine unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Joyfully we name you as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and celebrate the Epiphany. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we can ask. When we know not what to ask, have compassion on our infirmity, and those things for which, in our unworthiness, we dare not ask, as well as those things, which in our blindness, we cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THE SICK

Gracious Father, 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.**

#### FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord God, heavenly Father, let your Holy Spirit dwell in us that he may enlighten us and lead us into all truth, and evermore defend us in all adversities. 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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