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**The Baptism of Christ**

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when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." 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." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:4 - 11

] John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the Baptism of Jesus your Beloved Son: by the power of the Spirit complete the work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.**

Jesus coming down from Heaven, come to me.

Jesus born in a stable, be born in me.

Jesus accepting the shepherds, accept me.

Jesus receiving the Magi, receive me.

Jesus dwelling in Nazareth, dwell in me.

Jesus abiding with Mary, abide with me.

Jesus the light of the world, enlighten me.

Amen.

**COLLECT**

Father, who at the baptism of Jesus Christ revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit; grant to us, who are born again by water and the same Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** : (Sit) Genesis 1:1 - 5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**SECOND READING** Acts of the Apostles 19:1 - 7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit