

10 January 2021

Collect of the Day

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

First Reading

Genesis 1.1-5

1In the beginning when God created the heavens
and the earth, 2the 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.
3Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was
light. 4And God separated the light from the
darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the
darkness he called Night. And there was evening
and there was morning, the first day.

Second Reading

Acts 19.1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed
through the inland regions and came to Ephesus,
where he found some disciples. ²He said to them,
'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became
believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even
heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³Then he said,
'Into what then were you baptized?' They
answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴Paul 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.' ⁵On hearing this, they
were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy
Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues
and prophesied – ⁷altogether there were about
twelve of them.

Gospel

Mark 1.4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John
was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt
around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild
honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'
⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And 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 your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.