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### Baptism of Our Lord

#### Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

#### Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" <sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. <sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

#### Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

#### Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize **you** with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize **you** with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also

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had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”