

Saint George and Saint James
Anglican Parish in the Borough of Queenscliffe

Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

Sunday 13th January 2019

Isaiah 43.1-7

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ 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—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29 (APBA p. 248)

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.
⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
⁸ The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,

and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

¹⁰ The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 8.14-17

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

Luke 3.15-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.’¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done,²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison.²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,²² 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.’

Reading sheets for both Sunday, Wednesday and Friday Eucharists are usually available a week ahead of time. Prayerful reflection on the readings can be part of preparing ourselves for worship and Holy Communion.

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