

# The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 9, 2022

## Readings

### 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."

### 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 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."