

First Sunday of Epiphany

The Sunday Collect:

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:20-29 *Misericordias Domini*

- 20 I have found David, my servant;*
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
- 21 so that my hand shall be established with him;*
my arm also shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not outwit him;*
the wicked shall not humble him.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him*
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,*
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 I will set his hand on the sea*
and his right hand on the rivers.
- 26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,*
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
- 27 And I will make him the firstborn,*
the highest of the kings of the earth.
- 28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,*
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his offspring forever*
and his throne as the days of the heavens.

We say together:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-38

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ