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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Baptism of our Lord

Collect

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

The Lesson is written in the Forty-second Chapter of the Book of the prophet Isaiah beginning at the first verse

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."

The Word of the Lord

Psalm 89



I have made a covenant with my chosen one.
I have sworn to David my servant.
Forever will I confirm your posterity,
and establish your throne for all generations. *REFRAIN*

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout.
In the light of your countenance, O Lord, they walk.
At Your name they rejoice all the day,
and through Your justice they are exalted. *REFRAIN*

He shall say of me, You are my father, my God, the Rock my Saviour.
Forever I will maintain my kindness t'ward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm. *REFRAIN*

***The Lesson is written in the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Acts of the
Apostles beginning at the thirty-fourth verse***

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.

The Word of the Lord

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint Luke***

Luke 3:15-22

† As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."