

Year B

## **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

### **The First Sunday of Epiphany**

#### *The Collect*

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus thou didst reveal 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 or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail 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 forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to 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 graven images. 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.  
Fore ever 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 Acts of the Apostles,  
beginning at the thirty-fourth verse***

Acts 10:34-38

And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that 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 Mark***

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."