

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading

ISAIAH 42:1-4,6-7

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah

The Lord says, “Here is my servant. I will give him strength. He is the one I have chosen and I am very pleased (happy) with him. I gave him my Spirit and he will bring justice to everyone.

He will not shout or scream. He will not make loud speeches in the streets. He will not break off a reed or blow out weak flame. He will bring lasting justice to all people. He will not lose hope or courage. He will establish justice on earth. All the far away countries will eagerly looking forward to his teaching.”

I, the Lord, have called you and gave you power to see justice is done on earth. I will make a covenant through you with all people and through you I will bring light to the nations (people). You will open the eyes of the blind and free the prisoners.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm

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PSALM 29:1-2,3-4,9-10

RESPONSE: Lord, bless his people with peace.

All you people, praise the Lord.
Praise his glory and power
Praise and honor the wonderful name of the Lord!

RESPONSE:

The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas.
The voice of the Lord is like thunder over the ocean.
The voice of the Lord is full of power and glory.

RESPONSE:

The voice of the Lord shakes the trees.
In the temple people sings “Glory to God”.
The Lord is king forever.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said, “I am sure that God does not have favorites. God is happy with everyone worshiping him and do right, no matter where they live.

This message is the same one that God gave to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace through the Lord, Jesus Christ.

You know what happened everywhere in Judea. It began in Galilee with John the Baptist. He told the people to be baptized. God gave Jesus from Nazareth the Holy Spirit and power. Jesus went around doing good work and healing everyone under the power of the devil. And God was with Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia—Alleluia— Alleluia

The heavens opened and the Father said,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Alleluia— Alleluia— Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 3:13-17

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Jesus left Galilee and went to the Jordan River. He told John to baptize him. John tried to convince Jesus that he (Jesus) should baptize him (John). But Jesus said to John that we must do what God wants us to do. So John agreed and he baptized Jesus.

Jesus came out of the water and saw the sky opened. The Spirit of God came down like a dove and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son and am very proud of him.”

The Good News of the Lord

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