

# The First Sunday of Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

## The Collect of the Day

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.*

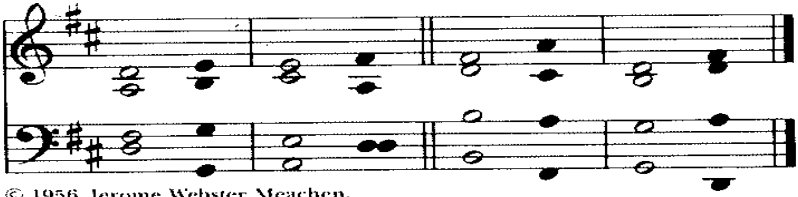
## A Reading from Isaiah 42:1-9

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



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### *The Psalm will chanted.*

- 20 I have found David my **servant**; \*  
with my holy oil have I **a-nointed him**.
- 21 My hand shall hold him **fast**, \*  
and my arm shall **strengthen him**.
- 22 The enemy shall not be able to do him **violence**; \*  
the son of wickedness shall not **hurt him**.
- 23 I will smite his foes before his **face** \*  
and strike down those who **hate him**.
- 24 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be **with him**, \*  
and in my Name shall his horn be **e-xalted**.
- 25 I will give him dominion over the **sea**, \*  
and with his right hand shall he rule the **rivers**.
- 26 He shall say to me, "You are my **Father**, \*  
my God, and the rock of my **sal-vation**."
- 27 And I will make him my **firstborn**, \*  
higher than the kings of the **earth**.
- 28 My mercy will I keep for him for **ever**, \*  
and my covenant shall stand fast **with him**.
- 29 His seed will I make to endure for **ever** \*  
and his throne as the days of **heaven**.

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. **A-men**.

## **A Reading from 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*

## **The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 1:7-11**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.”

*After the Gospel is Proclaimed*

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Proper Preface**  
*Epiphany*

*For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light