

## First Sunday after the Epiphany

11 Jan 2025

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Isaiah 42:1-9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

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 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his  
Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness.  
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the  
waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful  
voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of  
splendor.  
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the  
cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild  
ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the  
flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the  
wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of  
Kadesh.  
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak  
trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.  
9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"  
10 The Lord sits enthroned above the  
flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for  
evermore.  
11 The Lord shall give strength to his  
people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the  
blessing of peace.

## Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord

## **Matthew 3:13-17**

The ✕ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John:

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.