

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



ANGELICAN CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

YEAR B

### SEASONAL GREETING

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,  
People that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

*Isaiah 49:6*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

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. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup>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: <sup>6</sup>“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, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>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.**

## PSALTER VERSES

*(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)*

### Psalm 89:1-29 or 89:20-29

- <sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup> For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- <sup>4</sup> "I will establish your line for ever, \* and preserve your throne for all generations.""
- <sup>5</sup> The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O LORD, \*  
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;
- <sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? \*  
who is like the LORD among the gods?
- <sup>7</sup> God is much to be feared in the council of the holy ones, \*  
great and terrible to all those round about him.
- <sup>8</sup> Who is like you, LORD God of hosts? \*  
O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all around you.
- <sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea \* and still the surging of its waves.
- <sup>10</sup> You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; \*  
you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- <sup>11</sup> Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; \*  
you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.
- <sup>12</sup> You have made the north and the south; \* Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.
- <sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm; \* strong is your hand and high is your right hand.
- <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; \*  
love and truth go before your face.
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup> They rejoice daily in your Name; \* they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength, \* and by your favor our might is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \* The Holy One of Israel is our King.
- <sup>19</sup> You spoke once in vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- (<sup>20</sup> I have found David my servant; \* with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- <sup>21</sup> My hand will hold him fast \* and my arm will make him strong.

- <sup>22</sup> No enemy shall deceive him, \* nor any wicked man bring him down.  
<sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him \* and strike down those who hate him.  
<sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.  
<sup>25</sup> I shall make his dominion extend \* from the Great Sea to the River.  
<sup>26</sup> He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, \* my God, and the rock of my salvation.’  
<sup>27</sup> I will make him my firstborn \* and higher than the kings of the earth.  
<sup>28</sup> I will keep my love for him for ever, \* and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
<sup>29</sup> I will establish his line for ever \* and his throne as the days of heaven.”)

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### Acts 10:34-38

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> 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

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

*(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)*

### PROPER PREFACE

*Epiphany*

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.

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