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

O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 4:8-21(22-31)32-37

One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged
him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way, he would turn in there to
eat food. **9** And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I know that this is a holy
man of God who is continually passing our way. **10** Let us make a small room on
the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so
that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there."

11 One day he came there, and he turned into the chamber and rested there.
12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." When he had
called her, she stood before him. **13** And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'See, you
have taken all this trouble for us; what is to be done for you? Would you have a
word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?'" She
answered, "I dwell among my own people." **14** And he said, "What then is to be
done for her?" Gehazi answered, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is old."
15 He said, "Call her." And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway.
16 And he said, "At this season, about this time next year, you shall embrace a
son." And she said, "No, my lord, O man of God; do not lie to your servant."
17 But the woman conceived, and she bore a son about that time the following
spring, as Elisha had said to her.

18 When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reap-
ers. **19** And he said to his father, "Oh, my head, my head!" The father said to his
servant, "Carry him to his mother." **20** And when he had lifted him and brought
him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died. **21** And she

went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and went out.

([22] Then she called to her husband and said, "Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again." [23] And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath." She said, "All is well." [24] Then she saddled the donkey, and she said to her servant, "Urge the animal on; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you." [25] So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, there is the Shunammite. [26] Run at once to meet her and say to her, 'Is all well with you? Is all well with your husband? Is all well with the child?'" And she answered, "All is well." [27] And when she came to the mountain to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came to push her away. But the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for she is in bitter distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me." [28] Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?'" [29] He said to Gehazi, "Tie up your garment and take my staff in your hand and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child." [30] Then the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. [31] Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. Therefore he returned to meet him and told him, "The child has not awakened.")

[32] When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. [33] So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. [34] Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. [35] Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. [36] Then he summoned Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Pick up your son." [37] She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

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 142

1 I cried unto the LORD with my voice; *
even unto the LORD I made my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints before him, *
and showed him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, you knew my path; *
in the way wherein I walked they had secretly laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also to my right hand *
and saw there was no one who would know me.

5 I had no place to flee to, *
and no one cared for my soul.

6 I cried out to you, O LORD, and said, *
"You are my refuge, and my portion in the land of the living."

7 Consider my complaint, *
for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors, *
for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks unto your Name. *
When you show me your loving-kindness, then shall the righteous gather around me.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

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 1:29-39

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. **30** Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. **31** And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. **33** And the whole city was gathered together at the door. **34** And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. **36** And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, **37** and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." **38** And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." **39** And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The Lord's Day

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

OR

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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