

were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk?’ ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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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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 God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:18-25

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

²² “Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! ²³ You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. ²⁴ You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you

have wearied me with your iniquities.

²⁵ “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

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 32

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose unrighteousness is forgiven, *
and whose sin is covered.
- ² Blessed is the one to whom the LORD imputes no sin, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- ³ For while I held my tongue, my bones wasted away; *
I ceased not from groaning all the day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night, *
and I was dried up and withered, as in the drought of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin unto you, *
and I did not hide my iniquity.
- ⁶ I said, “I will confess my sins unto the LORD”; *
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
- ⁷ For this reason shall all the godly make their prayers unto you at a
time when you may be found; *
when the great floodwaters rise, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you shall preserve me from trouble; *
you shall encompass me with songs of deliverance.
- ⁹ “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go, *
and I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like the horse and mule, which have no understanding, *

whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not come near you.”

¹¹ Great troubles remain for the ungodly; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹² Be glad, O you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
and be joyful, all who are true of heart.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. ²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. ²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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 2:1-12

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes