



# *I Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Year B*

**Collect** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus didst reveal him as thy Son as thy Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Mercifully grant that we, being regenerate by water and the Spirit, may live faithfully as thine adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

**B**EHOLD 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 or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not fail 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 forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> "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, <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 graven images. <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."

## Psalm 89:20-29

REFRAIN



I have found Da-vid my ser-vant; with my



ho-ly oil have I a-noint-ed him.

- <sup>21</sup> My hand shall hold him fast, \*  
and my arm shall strengthen him.
- <sup>22</sup> The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: \*  
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him. (*Refrain*)
- <sup>24</sup> My faithfulness also and my mercy shall be with him: \*  
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
- <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand also on the sea, \*  
and his right hand on the rivers. (*Refrain*)
- <sup>26</sup> He shall call me, "Thou art my Father, \*  
my God, and my strong salvation."
- <sup>27</sup> And I will make him my first-born, \*  
the highest of the kings of the earth. (*Refrain*)
- <sup>28</sup> My mercy will I keep for him for evermore; \*  
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
- <sup>29</sup> His seed also will I make to endure for ever, \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven. (*Refrain*)

## For The Epistle

*Acts 10:34-38*

**P**ETER OPENED HIS MOUTH AND SAID: "TRULY I PERCEIVE THAT GOD SHOWS NO partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: <sup>38</sup> 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.

## The Holy Gospel

*St. Mark 1:7-11*

**[J**OHAN THE BAPTIZER] PREACHED, SAYING, "AFTER ME COMES HE WHO IS MIGHTIER than I, the thong 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 opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; <sup>11</sup> and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."