

YEAR C, EPIPHANY 1: MASS

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Book of 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

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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 Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 89:20–29

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 89, verses 20 through 29, found in the red Prayer Book on page 715.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

20 “I have found David my servant; *
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast *
 and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
 nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him *
 and strike down those who hate him.

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- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
- 27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.”

Please turn the page for the Second Lesson.

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For use with the Second Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Jude'a

juu-DEE-uh

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

And Peter opened his mouth and said to Cornelius and his kinsmen and close friends: “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 Jude'a, 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.”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

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Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader All of you who were baptized into Christ; *
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

The Holy Gospel

The Minister says The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy

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Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Hero'di-as, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he shut up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.

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