



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

YEAR A

The Lectionary for Winter Ordinary time begins with the Baptism of our Lord and continues through the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom
my soul delights.

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 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 Word of the Lord.

Psalm 29 [page 620]

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and the people assembled at his house in this words: “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 Judea, 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. And we are witnesses to all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree; but God raised Him on the third day and made Him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him

after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that He is the One ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Matthew 3:13-17

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the Father’s voice was heard, this is my beloved Son; with him I am well pleased.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The ✠ Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptized the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon Him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by John. John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.