

Baptism of Our Lord

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First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Behold 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. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;*
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;*
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;*
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,*
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD
shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe*
and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the LORD*
all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.

¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.