

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13th January 2008

### First Reading

Isa 42:1-7

#### A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

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

Here is 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 grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus 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 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29

**Response:** *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

O give the Lord you children of God  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

### Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power*

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judaea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Mtt. 3:13-17

✠ **A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew  
Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*Someone is coming who is more powerful than I am,  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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