

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

20th January 2008

## First Reading

Is. 49:1-6

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

*I will make you the light of nations so that my salvation  
may reach to the end of the earth*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40

**Response:** *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

**R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands  
written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

**R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and  
offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and  
victim.  
Instead, here am I.

**R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
You know it, O Lord.

**R.**

## Second Reading

1 Cor. 1:1-9

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*The grace and peace of God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn. 1:29-34

✠ **A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

**R: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*This is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world*

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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