

Epiphany 1 Sunday January 8

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**

⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do

you come to me?' ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, 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. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Epiphany 2 Sunday January 15

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 40:1-11

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 **He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; ♦
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.**

3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4 **Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.**

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.

6 **If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able to express.**

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened;

8 **Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;
then said I: 'Lo, I come.**

9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

**10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.**

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth
from the great congregation.

Reading: John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed. ⁴² He brought Simon[c] to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Epiphany 3 Sunday January 22

Collect

God of all mercy,

your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.

**6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.**

7 And now shall he lift up my head
above my enemies round about me;

**8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy upon me and answer me.

Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Epiphany 4 Sunday January 29

Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 36: 5-10

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.**

7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.

10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

Reading: John 2: 1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.