

## The First Sunday of the Epiphany - The Baptism of Our Lord

### Opening Hymn – *Shout To the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise.  
the wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You.

Chorus:

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
In you

### Collect

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### First Reading

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

**42** 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.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
5 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 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,  
7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
8 I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
9 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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

***Psalm 89:20-29***

20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.  
21 My hand shall hold him fast, \*  
and my arm shall strengthen him.  
22 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; \*  
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.  
23 I will smite his foes before his face \*  
and strike down those who hate him.  
24 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, \*  
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.  
25 I will give him dominion over the sea, \*  
and with his right hand shall he rule the rivers.

26 He shall say to me, “You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.”

27 And I will make him my firstborn, \*  
higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed will I make to endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

### ***Acts 10:34-38***

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,  
<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As  
for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is  
Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from  
Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the  
Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by  
the devil, for God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

### **The Holy Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17***

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew  
People: ***Glory to You, Lord Christ.***

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would  
have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But  
Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”  
Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water,  
and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a  
dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to You, Lord Christ***

**Closing Hymn -*What A Friend We Have In Jesus***

Vs 1

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
And what a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Refrain:

Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Vs 2

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Refrain:

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer