

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

1st. READING (Is 42, 1-4.6-7)

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I have put my spirit upon him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He does not shout or raise his voice; his proclamations are not heard in the streets. A broken reed he will not crush, nor will he snuff out the light of the wavering wick. He will make justice appear in truth. He will not waver or be broken until he has established justice on earth; the islands are waiting for his law. I, Yahweh, have called you for the sake of justice; I will hold your hand to make you firm; I will make you as a covenant to the people, and as a light to the nations, to open eyes that do not see, to free captives from prison, to bring out to light those who sit in darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 29)

Give the Lord, O sons of God,
give the Lord glory and strength,
give the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in great liturgy.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over vast waters.
How powerful is the voice of the Lord,
How splendorous is the voice of the Lord.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over vast waters.

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks shudder,
the Lord strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
Over the flood the Lord was sitting;
the Lord is king and he reigns forever.

2nd. READING (Acts 10, 34-38)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "Truly, I realize that God does not show partiality, but in all nations he listens to everyone who fears God and does good. And this is the message he has sent to the children of Israel, the good news of peace he has proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all. No doubt you have heard of the event that occurred throughout the whole country of the Jews, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism John preached. You know how God anointed Jesus the Nazarean with Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all who were under the devil's power, because God was with him.

GOSPEL (Lk 3,15-16.21-22)

The people were wondering about John's identity, "Could he be the Messiah?" Then John answered them, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming will do much more: he will baptize you with Holy Spirit and fire. As for me, I am not worthy to untie his sandal. Now, with all the people who came to be baptized, Jesus too was baptized. Then, while he was praying, the heavens opened: the Holy Spirit came down upon him in the bodily form of a dove and a voice from heaven was heard, "You are my Son, this day I have begotten you."