

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Name of Jesus

First Reading Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm Psalm 8
Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

A READING FROM NUMBERS

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

THE WORD OF THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 8th PSALM IN UNISON

¹**O | LORD our Lord,**

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths
of in- | fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the
foe | and avenger.**

³**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,**

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?**

⁵**Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.**

⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

⁷**all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,**

**⁸the birds of the air, the fish ¹ of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths ¹ of the sea.
⁹O ¹ LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in ¹ all the earth!**

A READING FROM GALATIANS

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
*THANKS BE TO GOD***

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Baptism of Our Lord / Lectionary 1, Year A

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm Psalm 29

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹Here 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.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus 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:

⁶I 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,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, 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 THANKS BE TO GOD

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 29th PSALM IN UNISON

- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.**
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory
thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.**
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;**
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**
- ⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the |
forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"**
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.**

A READING FROM ACTS

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2, Year A

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm Psalm 40:1-11
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹Listen 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.
²He 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.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored 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."
⁵And 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 honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he 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."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 40th PSALM IN UNISON

**¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.**

**²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

**³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our
God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the
LORD.**

⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.

**⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your
plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!**

**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are
more than | I can count.**

**⁶Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have | not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

**⁸I love to do your will, | O my God;
your law is | deep within me.'"**

**⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.**

**¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken
of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the |
great assembly.**

**¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me
safe.**

A READING FROM 1ST CORINTHIANS

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To 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:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 3, Year A

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

THE WORD OF THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 27th PSALM IN UNISON

**¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid?**

**⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

**⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high
up- | on a rock.**

**⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround
me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.**

**⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.**

**⁸My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.**

**⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant
in anger.**

**Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O
God of | my salvation.**

A READING FROM 1ST CORINTHIANS

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD**

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 4, Year A

First Reading Micah 6:1-8
Psalm Psalm 15
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A READING FROM MICAH

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING THE 15th PSALM IN UNISON

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

**²Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

**³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their
friends;**

they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

**⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who |
fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their
word.**

**⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take
bribes a- | gainst the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

A READING FROM 1ST CORINTHIANS

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing

things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

THE WORD OF THE LORD
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