



# Today's Readings

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

## Prover of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

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.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup>But 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."  
<sup>5</sup>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 honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>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."  
<sup>7</sup>Thus 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."

## Psalm

Psalm 40:1-11; tone 6



I waited patiently up- <sup>1</sup> on the LORD,  
who stooped to me  
and <sup>1</sup> heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD lifted me  
out of the desolate pit,  
out of the <sup>1</sup> miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff,  
making my <sup>1</sup> footing sure.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise <sup>1</sup> to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies  
or to those who <sup>1</sup> follow lies.

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*Psalm, continued*

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done,  
O LORD my God!  
In your plans for us,  
none can be com-<sup>1</sup>pared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known  
and tell them!  
But they are more than <sup>1</sup>I can count.  
<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering  
you do <sup>1</sup>not desire;  
you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have <sup>1</sup>not required.**  
<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I <sup>1</sup>am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book  
it is writ-<sup>1</sup>ten of me:  
<sup>8</sup>**I love to do your will, <sup>1</sup>O my God;  
your law is <sup>1</sup>deep within me."**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness  
in the <sup>1</sup>great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips,  
O <sup>1</sup>LORD, you know.  
<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness  
in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and <sup>1</sup>your deliverance;  
I have not concealed  
your steadfast love and truth  
from the <sup>1</sup>great assembly.**  
<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compas-<sup>1</sup>sion  
from me;  
may your steadfast love  
and your truth  
continually <sup>1</sup>keep me safe.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 [not printed]

Third Reading

John 1:29-42

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"  
<sup>30</sup>"This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'  
<sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."  
<sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.  
<sup>33</sup>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.'  
<sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."  
<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,  
<sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here

is the Lamb of God!"  
<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.  
<sup>38</sup>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?"  
<sup>39</sup>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.  
<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.  
<sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).  
<sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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