

Epiphany 1 Sunday January 9

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: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered

all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Epiphany 2 Sunday January 16

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 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.

Epiphany 3 Sunday January 23

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 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² **One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.**

³ They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,

⁴ **Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.**

⁵ In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

⁶ **It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.**

¹¹ By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!**

¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Reading: Luke 4:14-21

4 ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Epiphany 4 Sunday January 30

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 48

¹ Great is the Lord and highly to be praised,
in the city of our God.

**² His holy mountain is fair and lifted high,
the joy of all the earth.**

³ On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place,
stands the city of the great king.

**⁴ In her palaces God has shown himself
to be a sure refuge.**

⁵ For behold, the kings of the earth assembled
and swept forward together.


**⁶ They saw, and were dumbfounded;
dismayed, they fled in terror.**

⁷ Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour,
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

⁸ **As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God:
God has established her for ever.**

⁹ We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

¹⁰ **As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is full of justice.**

¹¹ Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, 
because of your judgements, O Lord.

¹² **Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers;
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,**

¹³ That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever.
It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

Reading: Luke 2: 22-40

² ²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.