

### COLLECT

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by  
water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling  
as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the LORD: Here 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. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 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 upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I 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, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### PSALM Psalm 29

**R** *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

or

**R** *The voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to  
his name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon  
the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful  
voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice  
of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the  
cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of  
Lebanon;  
he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount-Hermon like a young  
wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames  
of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the  
wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness  
of Kadesh.  
The 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!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the  
flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for  
evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to  
his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the  
blessing of peace. **R**

### SECOND READING Acts 10:34-43

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter began to speak to those  
assembled in the house of Cornelius.  
"I truly understand that God shows  
no partiality, but in every nation  
anyone who fears him and does what  
is right is acceptable to him. You  
know the message he sent to the  
people of Israel, preaching peace  
by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.  
That message spread throughout  
Judea, beginning in Galilee after the  
baptism that John announced: how  
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. We  
are witnesses to all that he did both

in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put  
him to death by hanging him on a  
tree; but God raised him on the third  
day and allowed him to appear, not  
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. He 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.  
All the prophets testify about him that  
everyone who believes in him receives  
forgiveness of sins through his name."

### GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at  
the Jordan, to be baptised by him.  
John would have prevented him,  
saying, "I need to be baptised by you,  
and do you come to me?" But Jesus  
answered him, "Let it be so now; for it  
is proper for us in this way to fulfil all  
righteousness." Then he consented.  
And when Jesus had been baptised,  
just as he came up from the water,  
suddenly the heavens were opened  
to him and he saw the Spirit of God  
descending like a dove and alighting  
on him. And a voice from heaven said,  
"This is my Son, the Beloved, with  
whom I am well pleased."

### POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed  
yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved  
Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our  
rebirth  
through the waters of the new  
creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.