

### 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.