



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14–20

LECTIONARY 2

Year A

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

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 God named me.

²The LORD made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of God's hand I was hid;
the LORD made me a polished arrow;
in God's quiver I was hid away.

³And the LORD 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 a servant,
to bring Jacob back to God,
and that Israel might be gathered to the LORD,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶the LORD 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, the Holy One of Israel,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers, ►

“Monarchs shall see and stand up;
chieftains, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 40:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from First 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 Christ,
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 gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸God 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 whom you were called into the partnership of the Son of God,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John.

²⁹「John the Baptist」 saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,
“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰This is the one of whom I said,
‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me
because he was before me.’

³¹I myself did not know him,
but I came baptizing with water for this reason,
that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²And John testified,
“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him.

³³I myself did not know him,
but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,
‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain
is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified
that this is the Chosen One of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,

³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed,

“Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸When 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?”

³⁹Jesus said to them,

“Come and see.”

They came and saw where Jesus was staying,

and they remained with him that day.

It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him
was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ▶

⁴¹Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him,

“We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).

⁴²Andrew 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).

The gospel of the Lord.