

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 15 JANUARY 2017

These readings are provided, first, so you can re-read and reflect on them during the week, and second, if you wish, to follow the readings during the service.

Gospel continued:

.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² 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).

Isaiah 49.1-7

¹ 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.
² 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.
³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured 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.'
⁵ 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 honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—
⁶ 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.'
⁷ 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 40.1-14

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.
² He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters, out of the mire and clay:
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.

³ And he has put a new song in my mouth:
 even a song of thanksgiving to our God.
⁴ Many shall see it and fear:
 and shall put their trust in the Lord.
⁵ Blessed are those who have made the Lord
 their hope:
 who have not turned to the proud,
 or to those who wander in deceit.
⁶ O Lord my God, great are the wonderful
 things which you have done, and your
 thoughts which are towards us:
 there is none to be compared with you;
⁷ Were I to declare them and speak of them:
 they are more than I am able to
 express.
⁸ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
 but my ears you have marked for
 obedience;
⁹ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not
 required:
 then said I, Lo, I come.
¹⁰ In the scroll of the book it is written of me,
 that I should do your will:
 O my God, I long to do it, your law
 delights my heart.
¹¹ I have declared your righteousness in the
 great congregation:
 I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
 and that you know.
¹² I have not hidden your righteousness in
 my heart:
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and
 of your salvation.
¹³ I have not kept back your loving-kindness
 and your truth:
 from the great congregation.
¹⁴ O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from
 me:
 let your loving-kindness and your truth
 ever preserve me.

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
 by the will of God, and our brother
 Sosthenes, ² To 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: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give
 thanks to my God always for you because of
 the grace of God that has been given you in
 Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have
 been enriched in him, in speech and
 knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the
 testimony of Christ has been strengthened
 among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in
 any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing
 of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also
 strengthen you to the end, so that you may
 be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus
 Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were
 called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
 Christ our Lord.

John 1.29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards
 him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This
 is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man
 who ranks ahead of me because he was
 before me." ³¹ I myself did not know him; but
 I came baptizing with water for this reason,
 that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³² And
 John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending
 from heaven like a dove, and it remained on
 him. ³³ 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." ³⁴ And I myself have
 seen and have testified that this is the Son of
 God.' ³⁵ The next day John again was
 standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as
 he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,
 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two
 disciples heard him say this, and they
 followed Jesus. ³⁸ 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?' ³⁹ 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

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