

January 15, 2023

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

FIRST READING. Isaiah 49:1-7

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.
 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.
 And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
 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.'

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—
 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.'

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.'

SECOND READING. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

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:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL. John 1:29-42



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“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Psalm 40:1-11- Tune: 302 *As with Gladness Men of Old* (Dix)

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

**To the Lord I raised my cry.
In due time he made reply,**

Leader: He pulled me out of a dangerous pit, out of a muddy hole. He set me safely on a rock and made me secure. He taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God.

**Blest are they who trust the Lord
And give heed unto his Word.**

For you have done many things for us, Lord my God; there is no one like you! You have made many wonderful plans for us. If I tried to speak of all of them, there would be more than I could tell.

**Let me tell your glory still;
How I love to do your will!**

You do not want sacrifices and offerings to take away sins. Instead, you have given me ears to hear you, and so I answered, "Here I am; your instructions for me are in the book of the law."

**How I love to do your will;
Let your words my praises fill.**

In the meeting of all your people, Lord, I told the good news that you save. You know that I will never stop telling it.

**To the Lord I raised my cry.
In due time he made reply.**

I have always spoken of your faithfulness and help. In the meeting of all your people I have not been silent about your constant love and loyalty.

**God is faithful to his Word;
Blest are they who trust the Lord!**

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Thanks be to God.