

St. Benedict Bible Study
January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Lectionary: 21
Reading I

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

The Servant of the Lord

Thus says the LORD:

1 Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. Upon him I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry out, nor shout, nor make his voice heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.
He will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow dim or be bruised until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

6 I, the LORD, have called you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

7 To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.

Reading II

Acts 10:34-38

34 Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

35 Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

36 You know the word [that] he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,

37 what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Gospel

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

15 Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah.

16 John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.

21 After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened

22 and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”