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January 15, 2023**

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.
²He 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.
³And he 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
his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered
to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the
LORD,
and my God has become my
strength—
⁶he 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 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

Psalm 40:1-11; tone 6



I waited patiently up- ¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me
and ¹ heard my cry.
²The LORD lifted me
out of the desolate pit,
out of the ¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff,
making my ¹ footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise ¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust ¹ in the LORD.
⁴Happy are they who trust ¹ in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies
or to those who ¹ follow lies.

continued

Psalm, continued

⁵Great are the wonders you have done,
O LORD my God!
In your plans for us,
none can be com-¹pared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known
and tell them!
But they are more than ¹I can count.
⁶**Sacrifice and offering
you do ¹not desire;
you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have ¹not required.**
⁷And so I said, "Here I ¹am; I come.
In the scroll of the book
it is writ-¹ten of me:
⁸**I love to do your will, ¹O my God;
your law is ¹deep within me."**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness
in the ¹great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips,
O ¹LORD, you know.
¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness
in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and ¹your deliverance;
I have not concealed
your steadfast love and truth
from the ¹great assembly.**
¹¹You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compas-¹sion
from me;
may your steadfast love
and your truth
continually ¹keep me safe.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 [not printed]

Gospel

John 1:29-42

[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 he 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, 'He 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 Son 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?" ³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He 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).

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