

FIRST READING
Isaiah 49:3, 5–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The LORD said to me,
“Israel, you are my servant,
and because of you I will be highly honored.”

Even before I was born,
the LORD chose me to serve him
and to bring back the people of Israel.
The LORD God has honored me and made me strong.

Now the LORD says to me,
“It isn’t enough for you to be merely my servant.
You must do more than lead back
those from the tribes of Israel who have survived.
I have placed you here as a light for the Gentiles.
You are to take my saving power everywhere on earth.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:1 & 3ab, 8 and 11

All: *Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

*I patiently waited, LORD,
for you to hear my prayer.
You listened
and you gave me a new song,
a song of praise to you.*

All: *Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

*"I enjoy pleasing you.
Your Law is in my heart."
You, LORD, never fail
to have pity on me;
your love and faithfulness
always keep me secure.*

All: *Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.*

GOSPEL
John 1:29–34

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said:
“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
He is the one I told you about when I said,

‘Someone else will come.
He is greater than I am,
because he was alive before I was born.’

“I didn’t know who he was.
But I came to baptize you with water,
so that everyone in Israel would see him.

“I was there and saw the Spirit come down on him
like a dove from heaven.
And the Spirit stayed on him.
Before this I didn’t know who he was.
But the one who sent me to baptize with water had told me,
‘You will see the Spirit come down and stay on someone.
Then you will know that he is the one
who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

“I saw this happen,
and I tell you that he is the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.