

A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 42 verses 1 through 9. The reading may be found on page 602 of your pew Bible.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

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before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 9

**Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with
my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

People: I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Leader: When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.**

People: For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne,
giving righteous judgment.

**Leader: You have rebuked the nations;
you have made the wicked perish;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.**

People: The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities you rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.

**Leader: But the Lord sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,**

People: and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.

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**Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.**

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those
who seek you.

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.

Collect of the Day

Leader: Please take a moment to read through the Collect of the Day, and then let us pray it together.

(wait for it...)

All:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.