

**FIRST READING**

I will make you the light of the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

49:3, 5-6

**T**he 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**

40:1 and 3ab, 8 and 11

R/. (8a and 9a) 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.

R/. 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.

R. Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

### ALLELUIA

John 1:14a, 12a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

1:29-34

**J**ohn 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.