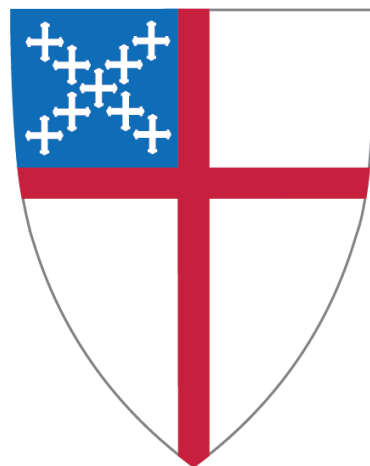


**The Lessons Appointed for Use on the**

**The First Sunday  
after the Epiphany**

**Year C, RCL**

**January 11, 2026**



*(The Old Testament Reading)*

## **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

**Here is 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 or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.**

**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 upon it**

**and spirit to those who walk in it:**

**I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,**

**I have taken you by the hand and kept you;**

**I have given you as a covenant to the people,**

**a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are**

**blind,**

**to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,**

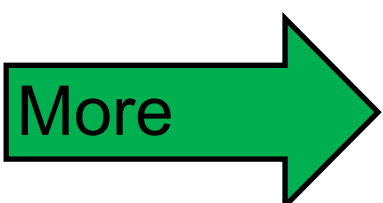
**from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

**I am the LORD, that is my name;**

**my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.**

**See, the former things have come to pass,**

**and new things I now declare;**



**before they spring forth,**

**I tell you of them.**

*Leader:*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*(People:*        *Thanks be to God.)*





(Psalm)

**Psalm 29**

**Let's say it responsively by half verse.**

**Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \***

*ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \***

*worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of  
glory thunders; \***

*the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \***

*the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

**The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \***

*the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \***

*and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

**The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;**

**the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \***

*the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \***

*and strips the forests bare.*

**And in the temple of the LORD \***

*all are crying, "Glory!"*

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \***

*the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

**The LORD shall give strength to his people; \***

*the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*



*(The Epistle Reading)*

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are**



witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

*(People: Thanks be to God.)*



*Prayers of the People.....8:00 am Service*

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.*

*Celebrant: In the waters of baptism, we were called to be God's children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called. Lord, in your mercy,**

*All: Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease, and that peace may reign in this new year. Lord, in your mercy,**

*All: Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family of faith, that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown us. Lord, in your mercy,**

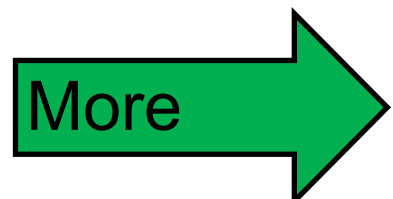
*All: Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: Let us pray for all who are blind to the injustices of our world that their eyes may be opened and that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice. Lord, in your mercy,**

*All: Hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: Let us pray for the sick that they may once again join us in our work and worship. Lord, in your mercy,**

*All: Hear our prayer.*



**Intercessor: Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.**

*(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)*

**Intercessor: Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us, especially Patricia Brought and Peter Ruscoe, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,**

*All: Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:*





*Prayers of the People*    **10:30 am Service**

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.*

Intercessor: **May the Bishops and leaders of our  
churches have wisdom and speak with one  
voice.**

*People:    Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Intercessor: **May the leaders of our country rule with  
righteousness.**

*People:    Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Intercessor: **May Jesus be our shield and defender in  
justice.**

*People:    Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Intercessor: **May the country have peace and the**

**people be blessed.**

*People: Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Intercessor: **May the flocks and the herds prosper  
and the fish abound in our lakes.**

*People: Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Intercessor: **May the fields be fertile and the harvest  
plentiful.**

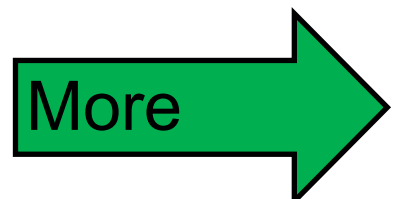
*People: Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Intercessor: **May we and our enemies turn towards  
peace.**

*People: Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Intercessor: **May the love of the Father touch the  
lonely, the bereaved and the suffering.**

*People: Amen. Lord have mercy.*



Intercessor: **May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.**

*People: Hallelujah. The Lord of Mercy is with us.*

*(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)*

*Celebrant concludes the prayers:*



















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

**On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said**



**to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.**

**After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.**

**The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”**

**The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under**

**construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.**

**When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.**

**Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.**