

All Age Communion Service - 11 January - FAITH

Collect:

Heavenly Father at the Jordan, you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First reading

Isaiah 42:1, 6-9

"Here is my servant,
the one I support.
He is the one I chose,
and I am pleased with him.
I will put my Spirit in him.
And he will bring justice to all nations.
The Lord says,
"I called you to do right.
And I will hold your hand.
I will protect you.
You will be the sign of my agreement with the people.
You will be a light to shine for all people.
You will help the blind to see.
You will free those who are in prison.
You will lead those who live in darkness out of their prison.

"I am the Lord.
That is my name.
I will not give my glory to another.
I will not let idols take the praise that should be mine.
The things I said would happen have happened.
And now I tell you about new things.
Before those things happen, I tell you about them."

Second reading:

Acts 10:34-38

Peter began to speak:
"I really understand now that to God every person is the same.
God accepts anyone who worships him and does what is right.
It is not important what country a person comes from.
You know that God has sent his message to the people of Israel.
That message is the Good News that peace has come through Jesus Christ.
Jesus is the Lord of all people!
You know what has happened all over Judea.
It began in Galilee after John preached to the people about baptism.
You know about Jesus from Nazareth.
God made him the Christ by giving him the Holy Spirit and power.
You know how Jesus went everywhere doing good.
He healed those who were ruled by the devil, for God was with Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-end

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He came to John and wanted John to baptize him. But John tried to stop him. John said, "Why do you come to me to be baptized? I should be baptized by you!"

Jesus answered, "Let it be this way for now. We should do all things that are right." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.

Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water. Heaven opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a dove.
And a voice spoke from heaven. The voice said, "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

Post-Communion

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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