

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

from the Common English Bible

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth - ²the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters - ³God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. ⁴God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

Psalm Reading

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from the Common English Bible

¹You, divine beings! Give to the Lord - give to the Lord glory and power!

²**Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!**

³The Lord's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters.

⁴**The Lord's voice is strong; the Lord's voice is majestic.**

⁵The Lord's voice breaks cedar trees...

...yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.

⁷**The Lord's voice unleashes fiery flames...**

⁸...the Lord's voice shakes the wilderness...

...yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The Lord's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare...

...but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the Lord sits enthroned - king forever!

¹¹**Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

from the Common English Bible

⁴John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. ⁵Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. ⁶John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."