

First Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

from the Common English Bible

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.” ¹²At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him. ¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, ¹⁵saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

Psalm Reading

25:1-10

from the Common English Bible

¹I offer my life to you, Lord.

²**My God, I trust you. Please don’t let me be put to shame! Don’t let my enemies rejoice over me!**

³For that matter, don’t let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame;

instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

⁴Make your ways known to me, Lord;

teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth - teach it to me –

because you are the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long.

⁶Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love - they are forever!

⁷**But don’t remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. Remember me only according to your faithful love for the sake of your goodness, Lord.**

⁸The Lord is good and does the right thing; he teaches sinners which way they should go. ⁹God guides the weak to justice, teaching them his way.

¹⁰**All the Lord’s paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws.**

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

from the Common English Bible

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, ¹⁰and with every living being with you - with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. ¹¹I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. ¹³I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the creatures. Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures. ¹⁶The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth’s creatures.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth.”