

Today's Readings
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Epiphany 2

THE COLLECT

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's
end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples
from far away!
The Lord called me before I
was born,
while I was in my mother's
womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a
sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand
he hid me;
he made me a polished
arrow,
in his quiver he hid me
away.
³ And he said to me, 'You are
my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be
glorified.'
⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured
in vain,
I have spent my strength

for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with
the Lord,
and my reward with my
God.'

⁵ And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the
womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be
gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight
of the Lord,
and my God has become
my strength—
⁶ he says,
'It is too light a thing that you
should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of
Jacob
and to restore the survivors
of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the
nations,
that my salvation may
reach to the end of the earth.'
⁷ Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and
his Holy One,
to one deeply despised,
abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall
prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is
faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who
has chosen you.'

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle
of Christ Jesus by the will of
God, and our brother
Sosthenes,
² To the church of God that is
in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints, together
with all those who in every
place call on the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, both their
Lord and ours:
³ Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ I give thanks to my God
always for you because of the
grace of God that has been
given you in Christ
Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you
have been enriched in him, in
speech and knowledge of
every kind— ⁶ just as the
testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you—
⁷ so that you are not lacking
in any spiritual gift as you wait
for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also
strengthen you to the end, so
that you may be blameless on
the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by
him you were called into the

fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL

John 1.29-42

The next day he saw Jesus
coming towards him and
declared, 'Here is the Lamb of
God who takes away the sin
of the world! ³⁰ This is he of
whom I said, "After me comes
a man who ranks ahead of
me because he was before
me." ³¹ I myself did not know
him; but I came baptizing with
water for this reason, that he
might be revealed to
Israel.' ³² And John testified,
'I saw the Spirit descending
from heaven like a dove, and
it remained on him. ³³ I myself
did not know him, but the one
who sent me to baptize with
water said to me, "He on
whom you see the Spirit
descend and remain is the
one who baptizes with the
Holy Spirit." ³⁴ And I myself
have seen and have testified
that this is the Son of God.'
³⁵ The next day John again
was standing with two of his
disciples, ³⁶ and as he
watched Jesus walk by, he
exclaimed, 'Look, here is the
Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two
disciples heard him say this,
and they followed
Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned

and saw them following, he
said to them, 'What are you
looking for?' They said to him,
'Rabbi' (which translated
means Teacher), 'where are
you staying?' ³⁹ He said to
them, 'Come and see.' They
came and saw where he was
staying, and they remained
with him that day. It was
about four o'clock in the
afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two
who heard John speak and
followed him was Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He
first found his brother Simon
and said to him, 'We have
found the Messiah' (which is
translated Anointed). ⁴² He
brought Simon to Jesus, who
looked at him and said, 'You
are Simon son of John. You
are to be called Cephas'
(which is translated Peter).

POST COMMUNION

PRAYER

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom
the nations seek:
may we who with the wise
men have been drawn by
your light
discern the glory of your
presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus
Christ our Lord.