

## THE WORD OF THE LORD : TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

At the Solemn Eucharist at 11 o'clock

### THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*The dramatic manifestation of the power of God is the dominant theme in the readings for this day. The Gospel lections for the season call attention to the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. The account of the miracle at the wedding in Cana is, according to the Fourth Gospel, the first of Jesus's signs, when he "revealed his glory". In this context the passage from 1 Corinthians calls attention to the manifestation of God through the gifts of the Spirit. In Isaiah the brightness of a vindicated Jerusalem reveals God's grace. The verses from Psalm 36 provide a hymn of praise for God's steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, and judgement, the one in whose light "we see light".*

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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*R/. Thanks be to God*

#### PSALM: 36.5-10; Tone II,1



- 5 THY MERCY, O Lord, reacheth unto the **hea**-vens :  
and thy faithfulness un-**to** the clouds.
- 6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong **moun**-tains :  
thy judgements are like **the** great deep.
- 7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and bēast;  
how excellent is thy mercy, O **God!** :  
and the children of men shall put their trust under the sha-**dow** of thy wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy **house** :  
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of **the** ri-ver.
- 9 For with thee is the well of **life** : and in thy light shall **we** see light.
- 10 O continue forth thy loving-kindess unto them that **know** thee :  
and thy righteousness unto them that **are** true of heart.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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*R/. Thanks be to God*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 2.11

Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL: John 2.1-11

*R/. Glory be to thee, O Lord*

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

The Gospel of Christ

*R/. Praise be to thee, O Christ*