

PROPERS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

You ought to know, O my lord, that this Sunday occurs by itself only every twenty-five years, and on the rest they combine it with the previous Sunday.

Anthem of the Chancel

Hear this, all you peoples.

The seraph brought the live coal to the prophet, and his body was sanctified and his iniquity was pardoned. Approach the life-giving Mysteries, O peoples, and cleanse the stains of your bodies and the debts of your souls.

Come and see the works of God.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.

May the Cross, which became for us a cause of good things, and by which our mortal race was set free, be for us, O my Lord, a mighty rampart, and by it may we conquer the Evil One and all his devices.

The Lections

Exodus 15:22-26

Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur; they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" And he cried to the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he proved them, saying, "If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you which I put upon the Egyptians; for I am the LORD, your healer."

Isaiah 44:23-45:7

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains,

O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,
who formed you from the womb:
"I am the LORD, who made all things,
who stretched out the heavens alone,
who spread out the earth—Who was with me?—
who frustrates the omens of liars,
and makes fools of diviners;
who turns wise men back,
and makes their knowledge foolish;
who confirms the word of his servant,
and performs the counsel of his messengers;
who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,'
and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built,
and I will raise up their ruins';
who says to the deep, 'Be dry,
I will dry up your rivers';
who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd,
and he shall fulfil all my purpose';
saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,'
and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and ungird the loins of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
"I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut asunder the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I gird you, though you do not know me,
that men may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe,
I am the LORD, who do all these things.

The Shuraya

How abundant is your goodness, which you keep for those who fear you,
Those who hope in you in the presence of the sons of men!
You shall cover them with the shelter of your presence
From the tumult of men;
You shall hide them with your shadows from strife.
Blessed be the LORD, for he has chose for himself the elect in a mighty city.

The Apostle

Ephesians 1:15-2:7

. [B]ecause I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us

sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Zumara

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad!

Clouds and thick darkness are round about him; in righteousness and judgment he has established his throne.

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,

who shall prepare thy way;

the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight—"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Anthem of the Mysteries

God has been my confidence from my youth.

Our confidence, O our Lord, is in your mercies. It stirs us to ask forgiveness from you. It is not that we are worthy, O Lord, but that, in the abundance of your grace, you justify freely those who call on you.

I have trusted in you, O Lord.

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Anthem of the Bema

Come, let us all attend upon the Sacrifice of the Son of God, who gladdened the watchers on the day of his birth, and made earthly beings to rejoice in the Good News of our salvation. This is the hidden Mystery which was revealed, making peace and reconciling those on high with those below through his Cross. Through the Sacrifice of himself he pardoned our debts, and for this let us all equally cherish his Body with honor,
And let us cry out to him with the heavenly hosts and say, Hallelujah!

Verses:

With spiritual beings let us praise the Son, who made peace in the height and in the depth,
And let us cry out to him with the heavenly hosts and say, Hallelujah!