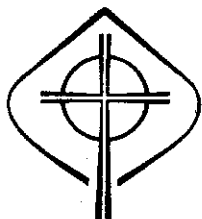


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You are the most excellent of men*
and your lips have been anointed
with grace, since God has blessed
you forever.

Your throne, O God, will last
for ever and ever;*

a scepter of justice will be the scepter
of your kingdom.

You love righteousness
and hate wickedness;*

therefore God, your God, has set you
above your companions by anointing
you with the oil of joy.

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as it was in the beginning,*
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Father in heaven, as at the baptism in the Jordan River you once proclaimed Jesus your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in his name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all you nations;*
extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love toward us,*
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Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;*
bring an offering and come into his courts. (Ps. 117; 96:8)

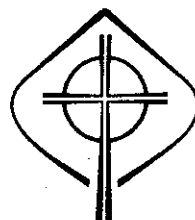
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"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
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 I will put my Spirit on him
 and he will bring justice to the nations.
 He will not shout or cry out,
 or raise his voice in the streets.
 A bruised reed he will not break,
 and a smoldering wick he will not
 snuff out.
 In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
 he will not falter or be discouraged
 till he establishes justice on earth.
 In his law the islands will put their
 hope."

This is what God the LORD says—
 he who created the heavens and stretched
 them out,
 who spread out the earth and all that
 comes out of it,
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 "I, the LORD, have called you in righ-
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 I will keep you and will make you
 to be a covenant for the people
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 to open eyes that are blind,
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 who sit in darkness."

Acts 10:34-38

Then Peter began to speak: "I now
 realize how true it is that God does not
 show favoritism but accepts men from

every nation who fear him and do what
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 to the people of Israel, telling the good
 news of peace through Jesus Christ, who
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 Galilee after the baptism that John
 preached—how God anointed Jesus of
 Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power,
 and how he went around doing good and
 healing all who were under the power of
 the devil, because God was with him."

Mark 1:4-11

And so John came, baptizing in the
 desert region and preaching a baptism of
 repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
 The whole Judean countryside and all
 the people of Jerusalem went out to him.
 Confessing their sins, they were baptized
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 locusts and wild honey. And this was his
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