## Reading 1, Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my <u>soul</u> delights. I have sent my <u>spirit</u> upon him, he <u>will</u> bring fair judgement to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He does not cry out or raise his voice, his voice is not heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> he does not break the crushed reed or snuff the faltering wick. Faithfully he presents fair judgement; <sup>4</sup> he <u>will</u> not grow faint, he <u>will</u> not be crushed until he has established fair judgement on earth, and the coasts and islands are waiting for his instruction.

<sup>6</sup> I, Yahweh, have called you in saving justice, I have grasped you by the hand and shaped you; I have made you a covenant of the people and light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

## Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10*

<sup>1</sup> [Psalm Of David] Give <u>Yahweh</u> his due, sons of God, give <u>Yahweh</u> his due of <u>glory</u> and strength,
<sup>2</sup> give <u>Yahweh</u> the <u>glory</u> due to his name, adore <u>Yahweh</u> in the splendour of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> Yahweh's voice over the waters, the <u>God</u> of <u>glory</u> thunders; <u>Yahweh</u> over countless waters, <sup>4</sup> Yahweh's voice in power, Yahweh's voice in splendour;

<sup>9</sup> Yahweh's voice convulses terebinths, strips forests bare. In his palace all cry, 'Glory!' <sup>10</sup> Yahweh was enthroned for the flood, <u>Yahweh</u> is enthroned as king for ever.

## Reading 2, Acts 10:34-38

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter addressed them, 'I now really understand', he said, 'that <u>God</u> has no favourites, <sup>35</sup> but that anybody of any nationality who fears him and does what is <u>right</u> is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> 'God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the <u>good</u> news of peace was brought by <u>Jesus Christ</u> -- he is the <u>Lord</u> of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what happened all over Judaea, how <u>Jesus</u> of <u>Nazareth</u> began in Galilee, after <u>John</u> had been preaching baptism. <sup>38</sup> God had anointed him with the <u>Holy Spirit</u> and with power, and because <u>God</u> was with him, <u>Jesus</u> went about doing <u>good</u> and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

## Gospel, Mark 1:7-11

<sup>7</sup> In the course of his preaching he said, 'After me is coming someone who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptised you with water, but he <u>will</u> baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> It was at this <u>time</u> that <u>Jesus</u> came from <u>Nazareth</u> in <u>Galilee</u> and was baptised in the <u>Jordan</u> by John. <sup>10</sup> And at once, as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'