

St. Luke's Table

THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

The Lord has anointed
me to preach good
news to the poor
and release to the
captives.

Luke 4.18



Apse Mosaic -- Basilica of Cosmas and Damien,
Rome, Italy

Good Morning and Welcome!

A Service of Morning Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book, with art from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Jean and Alexander Heard Library Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

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The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn



Church Drums, Record number: [58014]

Awake sleeper; rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine upon you.
Open our lips, O Lord;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Spirit of the Lord (alternating verses)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me:
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

**The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted:
to proclaim liberty for the captives,
and release for those in prison.**

to comfort all who mourn: to bestow on them
a crown of beauty instead of ashes,

**the oil of gladness instead of mourning:
a garment of splendor for the heavy heart.**

They shall be called trees of righteousness:
planted for the glory of the Lord.

**Therefore I will greatly rejoice in the Lord:
my soul shall exult in my God,**

for God has robed me with salvation as a garment:
and clothed me with integrity as a cloak.

**For the earth brings forth its shoots:
and as a garden causes the seeds to spring up,**

so the Lord God will cause righteousness
and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**

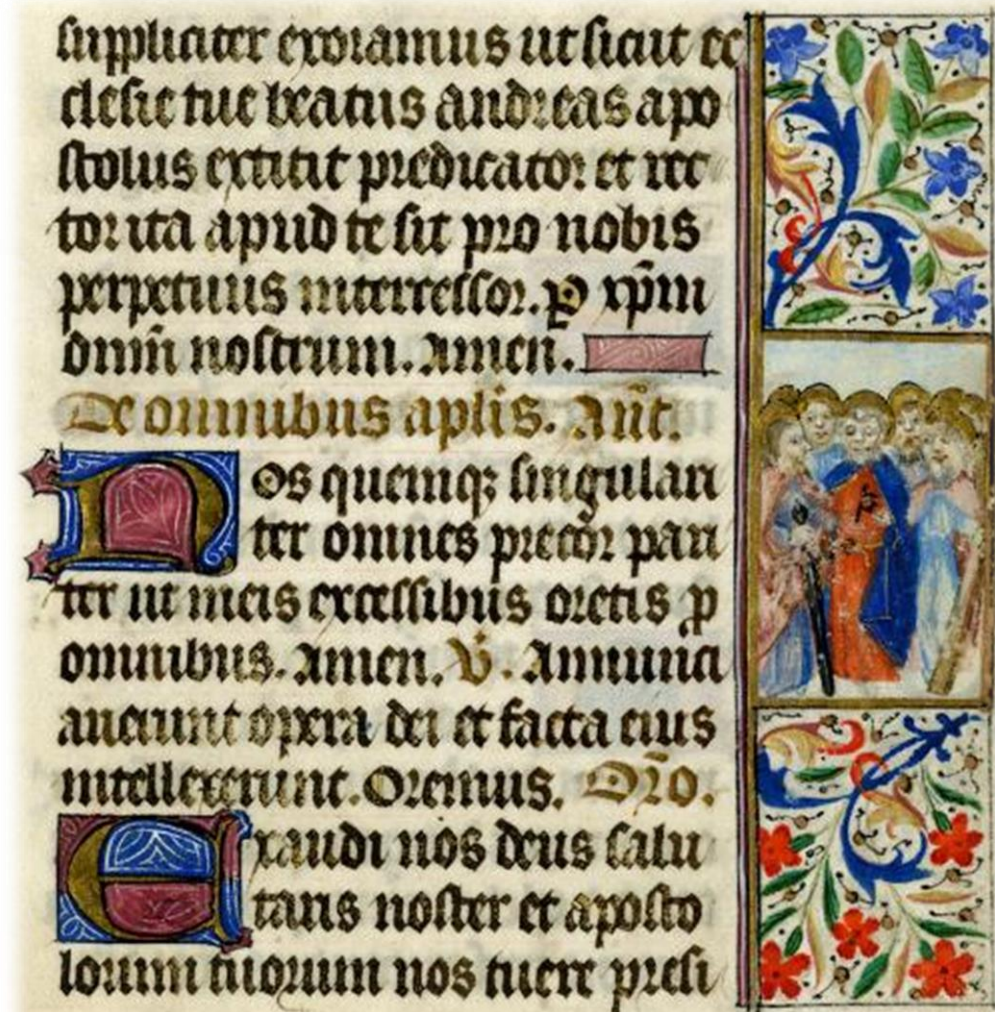
The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3,
5-6, 8-10



Nehemiah in the Liturgy from a book of hours,
Record number: [55356]

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate.

They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding.

This was on the first day of the seventh month.

He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.”
For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 19: (alternating verses)

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Let us pray,

**Gracious creator of heaven and earth,
your Word has come among us as the true
Sun of righteousness, and the good news
of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world.
Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be
purified from sin and serve you without reproach
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life.
Amen.**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a



Maestra Peace Mural,
Juana Alicia; Bergman; Miranda,
Boone; Edythe, 1938-

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body,
each one of them, as he chose.
If all were a single member, where would the body be?
As it is, there are many members, yet one body.
The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of
you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need
of you."

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?
Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing?
Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?
But strive for the greater gifts.
And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Song of our Adoption (*Ephesians 1: 3-6*)

Blessed are you, God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ: you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

**Even before the world was made
you chose us to be yours in Christ:
that we should be holy and blameless in your sight.**

In love you destined us for adoption
as your children through Jesus Christ:
such was your pleasure and your purpose,

**to the praise of your glorious grace:
which you have freely given us
in your beloved Son.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever.

Amen.

Gradual Hymn:



Boy Singing, Terbrugghen, Hendrik, 1588?-1629

The Good News:

The Holy Gospel
of Christ according to
Luke 4: 14-21



Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

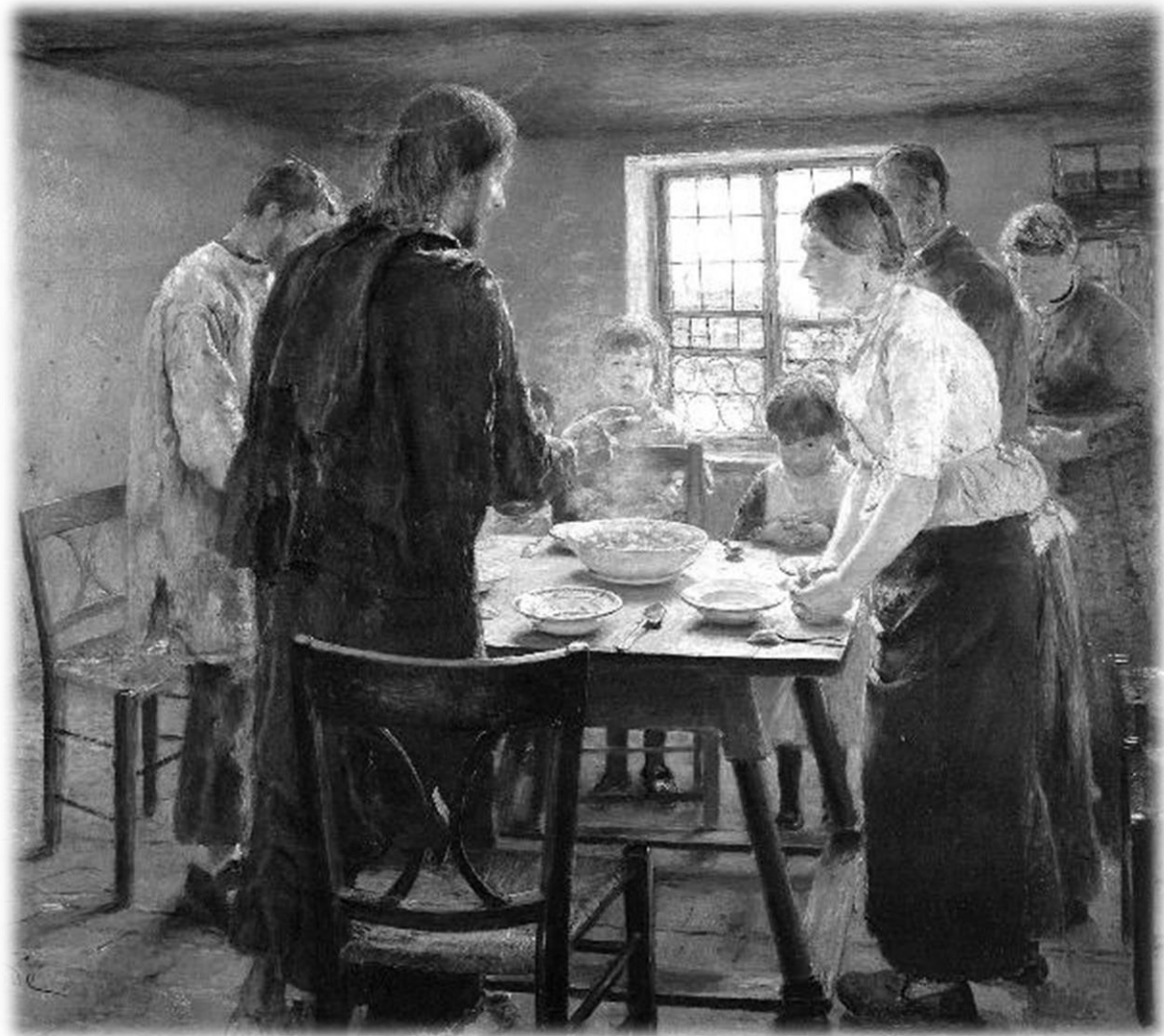
When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
Then he began to say to them,
“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reflection



Christ with the Peasants, Uhde, Fritz von, 1848-1911

Hear, O Israel (alternating verses)

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment
greater than these.**

Prayers of the People



Abbey of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Saget, Father George

Offertory Hymn



Dancing Lesson, Eakins, Thomas

Prayer over the Gifts

**Loving God,
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Week for Christian Unity – January 18-25

The Week of Christian Unity is traditionally held every year between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

This year's theme is

***We saw the star in the East,
and we came to worship Him.”***
(Matthew 2:2)

Let us now join our voices with those from around the world to pray for the unity of **all** Christians.

Let us pray,

God of every nation, creator of every human life,
the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, has been made
manifest in human history by becoming one of us
and one with us.

Born in a stable, born in homelessness, he is our King and Lord. The Magi bore witness to the Light of hope coming into the world as they faithfully followed the star, coming from foreign lands in the East, until arriving in Bethlehem of Judea.

The solidarity of God with created humanity in this gift of Epiphany calls us to a life of solidarity with the homeless, the refugee, the weakest and the rejected.

We are all human beings worthy of redemption and prepared by that redeeming love to the glory of your Kingdom.

Help us, O gracious Lord, to do this in unity and peace.

As we who bear the name of Christian,
from the days of the church at Antioch,
hold a special place in our hearts for the ancient
Christian communities in the land we call holy,
remind us to continually respond to our baptismal
promises to you, who said through your Spirit
at the Jordan,
“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom
I am well pleased.”

Help your Church, merciful One, to be a light for unity within itself and a beacon of hope for all humanity.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign as One God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Morning Collect

**God our creator, yours is the morning
and yours is the evening.**

**Let Christ the sun of righteousness
shine forever in our hearts
and draw us to that light
where you live in radiant glory.**

**We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Let us bless the lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. Amen.**

Closing Hymn



David Composing Psalms, Record number: [57281]

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