

# St. Luke's Table

## FOURTH SUNDAY After EPIPHANY

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

*Luke 4:18*



Jesus Teaches in the Temple,  
Amiens Cathedral Amiens, France

Welcome and Good Morning!

A Service of the Word from the Supplementary to the  
*Book of Alternative Services*

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# Gathering of the Community

God alone is our refuge and hope  
our shelter and protection.

**From our very first breath to our last,  
God's love and compassion never fails.**

So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

**Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.**

Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

**Let us worship God together.**

*Psalm 71*

Let us pray:

**God of Gods:**

**We come to worship today to hear your good news,  
to hear of faith, hope and love  
ringing out from your kingdom.**

**We know that doubt, fear and hatred  
can shake even the strongest.**

**Shape us into faithful hopeful people,  
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.  
We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## Opening Hymn:



Ullswater, early morning, Glover, John, 1767-1849

# Confession and Pardon

The God of every blessing  
looks upon us with grace and favour,  
even when we are captive to the curse of sin.

Trusting in our gracious God,  
let us renounce all that is evil  
and seek the mercy of the Lord.



# Prayer of Confession

*inspired by 1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

**Love is patient;  
for our quick-temperedness:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Love is kind;  
for our indifference toward others:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Love is not envious;  
for our petty jealousies:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Love is not boastful;  
for our pretentiousness:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**



**Love is not arrogant;  
for our opinionated views:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Love is not rude;  
for our crass behaviour:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Love does not insist on getting its own way;  
for our false sense of our own importance:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Love is not irritable;  
for our resentful behaviour:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Love does not rejoice in wrong doing;  
for our rejoicing in all the wrong things:  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**May God show us mercy,  
forgive us our sins against love  
and lead us to life that lasts.  
Amen**

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Jubilate, (alternating verses)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Jeremiah 1:4-10



Christ Mosaic, Record number: [57444]



Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”  
Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how  
to speak, for I am only a boy.”  
But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you," says the Lord.  
Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth;  
and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in  
your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over the nations and over  
kingdoms.

to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 71:1-6 (alternating verses)

In you O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and the cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.**

**Holy God, be our strength and our salvation, that we may never be ashamed to praise you for your mighty acts. We ask this through Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**



## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13



"Home, Love, Faith, Hope, Peace" Mural, Philadelphia  
Avenue, Takoma Park, MD

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind, love is not envious or

boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child; when I became an adult, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



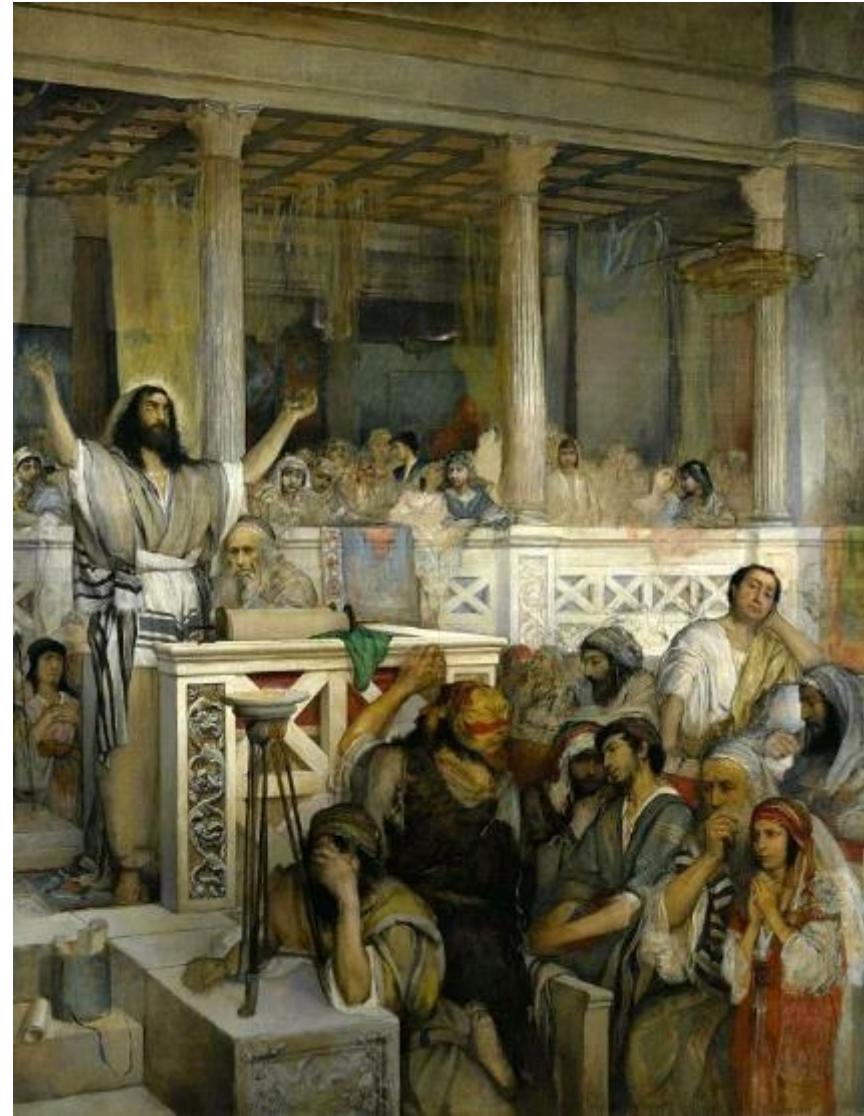
# Gradual Hymn



Lamp of Wisdom, Waterperry Gardens  
Oxfordshire, England

# The Good News

## The Gospel of Christ according to Luke 4:21-30



Christ Preaching at Capernaum, Maurycy Gottlieb  
National Museum, Warsaw, Poland

Then he (Jesus) began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up



three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

# Reflection



The Hand, Jim Fauntleroy  
Carnegie Library, Washington, DC

Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Prayers of the People



Healing the Sick, Henn, Ulrich

It is in love that Christ came to us.

It is in love that the Spirit formed us into community.

It is in love that God created us.

Let us show our love

By offering a portion of what we have been given.



# Offertory Hymn



Christ Crucified and Risen, Record number: [56938]



## Prayer over the Gifts

**God of steadfast love,  
may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

**Living God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia.**

# Closing Hymn



God's Shining Face, Millereau, George

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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