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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week: 3
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Sunday Year: C

Day	Parish	Time	Location	Mass / Activity	Special Occasions
Saturday 25 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Marie Curristan (Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Clare and Pat Walsh (Ints)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Mike Nelson (Ints)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass (University)	Heitor Coelho de Freitas (RIP)
Monday 27 th	Feria			No Mass	
Tuesday 28 th	St Thomas Aquinas	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Mollie Griffiths (RIP)
Wednesday 29 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Patrick Brown (RIP)
Thursday 30 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Frank Baynes (Anniv)
Friday 31 st	St John Bosco	10.00am	STM	Mass	Kevin Shakespeare (Ints)
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 1 st	Our Lady	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Janet Hall (Thanksgiving)
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Francis Hughes (RIP)
Sunday 2 nd	CANDLEMASS	9.00am	STM	Mass	James Valentine Brennan (Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Joan Kendall (RIP)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass (University)	Pro Populo

*Welcome to Mass today. We extend a special welcome to anybody joining us for the first time.
Please introduce yourself, and if you are able, stay for refreshments after the Mass.*

Today is designated the Sunday of the Word of God when we are asked to think about the importance and value of Sacred Scripture in our lives. The first part of the Mass is called the 'Liturgy of the Word'. The scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass are, before anything else, an act of trust and faith – that the Lord, through those ancient words speaks to us today. We are called as St Paul reminds us in his letter to the Colossians to, 'let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.'

In this Jubilee Year of the Church, Pilgrims of Hope the theme for this year comes from Psalm 119 – 'I hope in your word.' Most of us will have hopes of one sort or another. For the Christian however, 'hope' isn't optimism, rather hope is a person – Jesus Christ. St Paul in his letter to Timothy speaks of 'Christ Jesus our hope.' One of the ways we receive the Word of God, that God speaks to us, is through the scriptures. When we sit to listen to God's word at Holy Mass, we are placing ourselves in a posture to encourage listening. We hear God's word both from the Old Testament and then the Epistles – the psalm forming a bridge between them.

For the Holy Gospel we stand. The Letter to the Hebrews opens with these words: 'Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.' In the Holy Gospel we often hear the words of Christ himself – God in Christ physically present in our world. We stand in reverence, sometimes the Book of Gospels is incensed, and candles often accompany it – because Christ speaks to us.

We have recently adopted a new translation of the scriptures to help us in our understanding. The original writes of the scriptures were inspired by the Holy Spirit to enable us to hear God's word. As we reflect on the Word of God this Sunday, let us remember that the Word of God in Mass is a proclamation to listen to and let us make prayerfully reading the scriptures a part of our daily prayer and meditation.

STM and SJW Website: stmcov.org/wp/
Facebook: Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker
Livestream webcam: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmandsjtw-cov>
Coventry Catholic Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

OFFERTORIES

STM: £788.50 | **SJW:** £177.00
STM Parish Development Fund: £372.00

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YEAR OF JUBILEE: Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The Jubilee Year is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. The concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation.



The first Jubilee was declared by Pope Boniface VIII on 22nd February 1300 (Feast of the Chair of St. Peter), to mark the beginning of that century. He later recommended it occurring every 100 years.

Various other Popes changed the length of the interval between the observances. But Pope Saint Paul II set the present 25-year interval in the 1500s. So Holy Years are "ordinary" when they occur at regular intervals – 25 years in these modern times – and 'extraordinary' when they are proclaimed for a very special reason.

More recently a Great Jubilee was declared in 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II to celebrate the new millennium. That Jubilee year brought the total number of universal Jubilee years to 28 that so far had been celebrated by the Church.

Intended as a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins, Jubilees begin with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. Holy Doors at each of the four papal basilicas in Rome are destination points for pilgrims, who pass through seeking special graces.

The Jubilee Year began on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026.

JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKS are available at the back of church. These are published in collaboration with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Companion booklet is designed to help pilgrims ponder and pray, focusing on the great themes of the Holy Year: hope and forgiveness, the Apostles Peter and Paul and their Basilicas in Rome, and the key places of prayer and repentance. There are also numerous articles on being a Jubilee pilgrim, the Jubilee Icon, reflections, prayers and hymns. Please do take a copy with you.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Deacon Paul Hender, Fr Fred Sheldon, Fr Jacob Lewis, Fr Brian Boyle, Mary Brownbill, John Lucas and Martha Grimes together with all who have died recently. We pray for them and their families at this time. May they rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND UNWELL: Angie Browne, Judith Cuninghame, Peter Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Elaine Fossett, Margaret Eason, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Veronica Hammond, Alice Rowland, John Walker, Pauline Cullinane, Beatrice Upham, Peter Carvell, Sheila Jenkins, Lillian Chapman, Irena Bienek, Josie McElroy, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, Keelin Treharne, David O'Grady and Joan O'Leary, Thomas Weatherstone, Richard Healey, Clare Oliver.

READERS AT MASS: As we consider the Word of God, it is a good opportunity to thank all those who read at our Masses on a regular basis, but also a chance to encourage anyone else who would like to be part of this important ministry within Mass. Please speak to any of the clergy after Mass.

ORDER OF MASS CARDS: If you require a card with the Order of Mass text, please ask one of the welcomers for a copy. The readings for Sunday Mass can be found on the back of this newsletter. Please do take them home with you for private prayer and reflection.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR to our Masses and not a Catholic, or a Catholic unable to receive, you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. As you approach, please have your arm crossed over your chest, so that the minister knows to give a blessing. If you require a celiac host, please let us know before Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemass. In the Jewish custom, a firstborn son was taken to the Temple on the fortieth day following his birth when the parents would present their son before the Holy of Holies and offer sacrifice in thanksgiving. At the Temple Mary and Joseph are met by Simeon and Anna. These two biblical characters, Simeon and Anna see what many eyes seem to miss – the presence of God in Christ among them. Simeon speaks to Mary of the sorrows that will come to her because of her son. Candlemas, then, is a last look back towards the crib before embarking on the Lenten journey to the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. Simeon calls Jesus 'the light to enlighten the gentiles.' The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the Gospel - describing the wonderful events in the Temple commemorated this day – for on this day the Lord, to whose glory the Temple was built, enters its gates in the flesh. Finally, we come to the Eucharistic Liturgy where Christ, that same Lord, comes seeking his altar throne, and where we welcome him with joy, as did Simeon and Anna on that first Candlemas Day. After this feast, the cribs are traditionally taken down, and any remaining Christmas decorations (though most seem to have been already!) are removed.

The 9.00am and 11.00am Masses will begin with the Blessing of Candles and Procession. With the procession we recall and accompany Our Lady, St. Joseph, Simeon and Anna in bringing Christ, the 'light to the revelation of the Gentiles,' into the Temple.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE CRIB: Heavenly Father may this crib remind us of the coming of your Son. Grant that all who pray here may be inspired by the example of love and humility that Christ gave to us. To all who are troubled, grant peace of mind. To all in doubt and uncertainty, grant guidance and inspiration. To all who are oppressed by sin or guilt, grant pardon and absolution. To all who are suffering in mind and body, grant comfort and healing. Above all grant to everyone who prays here in faith, the joy of spirit that the angels proclaimed at Christ's birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CRIB DONATIONS: As has been our tradition each year, a basket will be available by our cribs for you to give a donation. This year, we have been asked to support the work of the Friends of the Holy Land.

DON'T DISMANTLE YOUR CRIBS JUST YET! Catholics traditionally keep the Crib in place for the forty days until 2nd February, the Feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) as, according to the Scriptures, Mary 'kept to herself' for forty days after her Son's birth in obedience to the Law of Moses (Luke 2:22). Daily prayers at the Crib may include the Angelus and the Rosary (Joyful mysteries).

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS: The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which was celebrated on January 3. In the letter to the Philippians we read, 'at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth.' Everything about our divine Lord is holy, including His Name. It was the Archangel Gabriel who first spoke the name of Jesus to His mother, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The Archangel was only a messenger, so the name of Jesus was given to Him by the Father in Heaven. There is great power in the spoken name of Jesus. Repeating His name prayerfully or speaking it aloud brings Him close and gives you strength, provided you recite His name in faith. The name of Jesus casts out fear, arouses trust, and unites your heart to His. Sadly, the Most Holy Name of Jesus is so holy that the evil one often tempts people to invoke it as a curse when angry, without even considering what they are doing. As we continue through January, let us ponder this prayer that is attributed to Saint Bernardine of Siena, the Franciscan who spoke so fervently of Jesus' name.

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, you are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

'SOUND OF MUSIC' FILM NIGHT at STM next Saturday evening, starting at 6.30pm in the MRR. Tickets cost £10 each, which includes either a fish and chip or pie and chip supper. Please collect your tickets after Mass or from the Piety Stall. Tickets and food orders need to be completed by TODAY. The film will be 'sing-along' so there is plenty of time to get practicing your yodelling!

CRAFT AND CHAT will meet on Tuesday 4th February from 10.30am – 12noon in the MRR. If you sew, knit, paint or have another craft hobby, you are more than welcome to come. The idea of the group is for people to be able to come together for a chat, whilst spending an hour or so on their particular craft. Please bring everything you need with you.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP will begin on Wednesday 12th February at 6.00pm in the MRR and will hopefully become part of our weekly schedule. This time of reflection will alternate between in person and online, so will hopefully be accessible to different people. Lectio Divina is the ancient practice of slow, conscious reading of a biblical or sacred text with contemplation and silent prayer. Lectio Divina helps to promote communication with God and a deeper knowledge of Christ, in our lives today.

SVP BRANCH: In a few weeks there will be an appeal to see if anyone would be interested in starting a new SVP branch for STM and SJW. The essence of the SVP is person-to-person contact and spending time with people; giving them a sense of belonging to a wider community.

LOURDES 2025 will take place from Saturday 24th to Friday 30th May 2025 under the title of 'with Mary, Pilgrims of Hope.' In this Year of Jubilee, Lourdes has been designated as a particular place of pilgrimage, so if you haven't been, this Year of Jubilee might be the ideal time to go. If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance help can be proved. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers. Applications are needed from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience in Lourdes. Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office by calling on 0121 230 6288 or email admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB: It is now possible to support the work of the Foodhub through financial donations. It allows for more flexibility for the Trust to purchase foods. The required information is Cheylesmore Food Hub CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 and the Account no: 00034145.

PASTORAL COUNCILS: Back in 2024, the Archbishop asked each parish in the Archdiocese to form a Pastoral Council to support the mission of the particular parish. The focus is to celebrate what has already been achieved; unite where links can be made and also have vision for the future. Like many other parishes, where there are two or three church buildings, it is sensible to create one council to cover both churches. Over the next few weeks, we will be approaching different people from STM, SJW and the University, to see if they would like to be part of this council. Those selected will help to represent the vast diversity and richness of our many parishioners which make up our Sunday congregations. Of course, mission and vision is not the sole responsibility of a just a handful of people, but rather for everyone who comes to Mass. Let us continue to pray for the mission and outreach of both STM, SJW and the University, that we may strive to foster communities of goodness, love and true zeal for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OUR JOINT FACEBOOK PAGE can be found by searching for 'Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker.' If you are a user of Facebook and haven't already, please do 'like' our page and share with family and friends.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP on Mondays from 7.00pm – 8.45pm in the MRR. All are welcome to come along for a time of prayer, praise, reflection and refreshments.

MASS 'N' MINGLE takes place every Wednesday at 11.00am in STM. This is a lovely opportunity for people to come together over a drink and some homemade cakes. If you haven't been, please do consider coming along.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE: Anyone who is due to celebrate a significant wedding anniversary, is engaged to be married this year or who would you simply like to give thanks to God for their marriage is invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 3rd May at St Chad's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Please email marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for more information.

KNITTED BABY CARDIGANS are required by the University Hospital for premature babies. If you, or any friends can knit any, they can be given in at church, so that the Knights of St Columba will pass them to the Coventry Clothing Charity.

UNIVERSITY MASSES are celebrated on Sunday at 12.45pm in St Joseph the Worker and on campus at 12.30pm on a Thursday during term time.

SUNDAY MISSALS have now arrived. If you had previously ordered one, please do collect it from the Piety Stall. There are several spare copies available for anyone who would like to buy their own copy.

SEVEN DAY CANDLES can be sponsored in both STM and SJW for a donation of £5 per candle. These are lit on a Sunday and burn for the following week. At STM candles are available for Our Lady, St Joseph, Sacred Heart and St Thomas More and at SJW they are available for Our Lady, Sacred Heart, St Anthony, and St Joseph. Please note only one intention per candle can be booked. To sponsor a candle for a particular intention, please bring your donation to the sacristy.

MASS INTENTIONS The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer as Catholics since it is the 'source and summit' of the Christian Life. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Please fill in the required information and hand it to Fr Simon or push through the Presbytery letterbox. The Mass will then be offered, and you'll see the details on the front page of this sheet. We ask that Masses be booked three months in advance of your re-quired date. Please remember that preferred dates cannot be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is a wonderful opportunity for us to be still and quiet in the presence of the Lord. In both STM and SJW there is a weekly opportunity for this, so please do consider coming along. St Alphonsus Liguori once wrote, 'know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass and on Saturday evening from 4.15pm – 4.45pm at STM and on a Saturday morning after 10.00am Mass at SJW.

HOUSE VISITS to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Those who would like a visit, are asked to contact Fr Simon or Deacons Leo and David. A visit can be arranged by themselves or by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL: Anyone going into hospital, needs to be sure to tell the ward staff they are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Please also notify the Parish Clergy, so a visit, either by them or the Chaplain can be arranged.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will meet at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th January at St Osburg's Church. This group is aimed at adults aged 18 to 35 years with a purpose is to create a community of young people, enable them to learn about the Catholic Church, strengthen their faith and friendship, as well as organise and participate in various deanery-level youth activities. For more information, please contact Fr Benedict Skipper at Christ the King or email fr.benedict.skipper@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am – 4.00pm. If you have any general enquiries, please do try and call during these hours.

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK invite you to their online event on Thursday 6th February from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. 'Opening the Doors to Freedom from Human Trafficking' with Brian O'Toole, who is a member of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN), Act to Prevent Trafficking (APT Ireland) and the Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking in Europe (RENATE) and Talitha Kum. At this event you will learn a little more about the insidious issue of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the UK and importantly what we can do during this Jubilee Year to help victims of Human Trafficking as we shine a light on this important issue. You can register for this event via the Diocesan website.

GIFT AID GIVING: If you are a UK Taxpayer and would like to increase you weekly giving, at no extra cost to yourself, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Through this scheme we are able to claim 25p on every £1 donated. More information available from Tony Curristan at STM and June Palmer at SJW.

ONLINE GIVING: If you were unable to give via the Offertory Collection at Sunday Mass, you can give online to either parish by scanning this QR code and following the instructions on the website.



SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Claire Rutter and Amanda Kelly at STM and Henry Whitney at SJW. They can be contacted using the emails below or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

THE JUBILEE ICON



In order to celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, CAFOD commissioned an icon from artist Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Ethiopia was chosen because of the strong tradition of iconography within the country and to demonstrate that this is a global Jubilee - not just something that is happening in England and Wales.

The icon was created by the artist Mulugeta Araya, a thirty-year-old engineer who studied at St Mary's College, Wukro, in Ethiopia, which is supported by CAFOD. St Mary's offers vocational training for young people in agriculture, IT and accounting as well as the arts. The college also takes part in programmes to improve food security, the supply of water, and emergency response in the area.

The icon is much more than a simple painting or picture and contains lots of hidden symbolism and messages. You can learn more about the meaning by reading the Jubilee Companion Booklet, which are available at the back of church.

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church,
God himself speaks to his people, and Christ,
present in his word, proclaims the Gospel'
(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no.29)

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8: 2 – 4a, 5 – 6, 8 – 10

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And 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 the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, 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 as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15. R̄ John 6:63c

R: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect;
it revives the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple. *R*

The precepts of the Lord are right;
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear;
it gives light to the eyes. *R*

The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding for ever.
The judgements of the Lord are true;
they are, all of them, just. *R*

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer! *R*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 30

Brothers and Sisters: 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 one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should 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 should 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 be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 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 parts, 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 parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less

honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together. 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 miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and 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 with tongues? Do all interpret?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;
to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 1 – 4; 4: 14 – 21

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and 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 proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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