

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
 whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
 the wonder of your saving presence:
 renew your people with your heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING - 1 Corinthians 12.12-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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 honourable we clothe with greater honour, 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 honour 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 honoured, 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.

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM - Psalm 19

Response: *The heavens are telling the glory of God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! alleluia!
 Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
 and believed in throughout the world.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 4.14-21

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
 Glory to you, O Lord.*

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 favour.’ 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Gracious God,
 accept the offering of your Church,
 the hearts of your people
 joined in praise and thanksgiving,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father,
 whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
 may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
 shine with the radiance of his glory,
 that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
 to the ends of the earth;
 for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen.*