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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

IS UPON ME
for he has anointed me to
BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR.

HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM

that CAPTIVES will be RELEASED
that the BLIND will SEE
that the OPPRESSED will be SET FREE

and that the time of the
LORD'S FAVOR
has come.

LUKE 4:18-19

Sunday 26th January 2025
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Come, let us sing unto the Lord
let us rejoice and be glad for this is the day that the Lord has made.

Hymn **O LORD MY GOD! WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER**

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Confession *please sit or kneel*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
to free us from our sins and empower us to become children of God.
Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith,

**God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the
Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Collect

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.

Reading: Psalm 19 7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Hymn **SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU**

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 4.14-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord according to Luke
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He returned to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Intercessions for today

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn **JESUS, STAND AMONG US AT THE MEETING OF OUR LIVES;**

Be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;

Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering out of each and every land;

Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.

O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;

Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

HERE IS BREAD, HERE IS WINE,

Christ is with us, He is with us;

Break the bread, drink the wine.

Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,

Christ is with us. He is with us;

Know His grace, find His peace.

Feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing,

In this cup there's life forever;

In this moment, by the Spirit

Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one,

Christ is with us – He is with us;

We'll proclaim, till He comes –

Jesus crucified.

Offertory Prayer

Let us present our offerings to the Lord

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own we give you.
Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Day and night celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son,
you have revealed yourself to the world.

By the guiding of a star,
you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel;
that in following him,
we might be led from darkness
and into his marvellous light.

**Filled with the Spirit, who descended upon your Son,
we who are baptised in his name
strive for his heavenly kingdom in whose radiance
we are transfigured and the earth is transformed.**

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased.
Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.

The blind received their sight, the lame walked,
the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free.
At his word, water became wine,
the hungry were filled with bread,
and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

Breaking of Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**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.**

Invitation to come and receive

All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing at this time

Thanksgiving and sending out

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

**God of all nations
guide us with your light of love.
Help us to recognise Christ at work in us and in our neighbour.
By your Spirits presence help us to reveal Christ to the world.**

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts and minds
with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen

Hymn **WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?**

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
Will you let My life be grown in you, and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show;
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ, Amen.

*Do gather with us for fellowship
and refreshments served after the service*



Coffee @ Mary's

First Saturday of the Month

1st February 10.30 – 12 Noon

Come along and enjoy the company of friends old and new as we meet together

All Welcome

SWAP SHOP

Each month alongside Coffee at Mary's we also run a SWAP SHOP giving you an opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle. This Month's theme is Kitchen Goods. Useable items that you don't use but someone else could but sadly no electrical items. So pots and pans, cutlery, crockery or Recipe Books etc. You don't need to bring an item to take an item away.

Every bit helps us Swap not Shop

Stewardship

The Oxford English Dictionary defines "Stewardship" as "the responsible use of resources, especially money, time, and talents, in the service of God." But what does that look like in action? What is stewardship in the Bible? And what examples does the Bible provide to guide us?

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the subject of Stewardship in context of our gratitude and understanding of what God has done for us and what our response to God might be. At this first stage we will focus on the finances of the church and invite you afresh to review your financial giving to the work and mission of the church. Later in the year around Pentecost we will also consider our gifts and abilities and how we can use our time and talents to nurture and help the life and growth of the church.

We have opted not to have discussion groups during the Sunday Service but do welcome you to discuss the sermons and points raised afterwards over coffee or with friends or the clergy during the week.



Creative
family
fun



We look forward to the start of a new year and a year of Messy Activities offering opportunities for family and friends to gather and explore some familiar Bible Stories through arts, crafts, song and story. Finishing off with a family meal together at no cost.

Last Saturday of each Month from 4pm at St Mary's.

February 22nd - Forgive one another

March 29th - Rescued and Saved

Everybody's Welcome, anyone can come.



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