Sunday 26th of January 2025 3rd of Epiphany

Special Prayer for the day 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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading Psalm 19

- [1] The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- [2] Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
- [3] There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- [4] Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- [5] which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

- [6] Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- [7] The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- [8] the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- [9] the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- [10] More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- [11] Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- [12] Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- [13] Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- [14] Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. (ESV)

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

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12–31

[12] 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. [13] For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. [14] For the body does not consist of one member but of many. [15] 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. [16] 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. [17] 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? [18] But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. [19] If all were a single member, where would the body be? [20] As it is, there are many parts, vet one body.

[21] 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." [22] On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, [23] and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, [24] which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, [25] that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. [26] If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

[27] Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. [28] 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. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? [30] Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? [31] But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way. (ESV)

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Gospel Reading Luke 4:14–21

Hear the gospel of our Lord according to Luke **Glory to you or Lord.**

[14] And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. [15] And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

[16] 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. [17] And the
scroll of the prophet Isaiah
was given to him. He
unrolled the scroll and
found the place where it was
written,

[18] "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, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's fayour."

[20] 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. [21] And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (ESV)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Final Prayer

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.

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