

## THURSDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 7, 2021

### Gathering Song:

### *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

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### **First Reading** 1 John 4:19-5:4

#### **A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

Beloved, we love God because he first loved us.

If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar;  
for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen  
cannot love God whom he has not seen.

This is the commandment we have from him:  
Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,  
and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God  
when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome,  
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.  
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17

#### **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

From fraud and violence he shall redeem them,  
and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

May they be prayed for continually;  
day by day shall they bless him.  
May his name be blessed forever;  
as long as the sun his name shall remain.  
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;  
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.  
**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor  
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel**      Luke 4:14-22

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,  
and news of him spread throughout the whole region.  
He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,  
and went according to his custom  
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.  
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,  
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

And all spoke highly of him

and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### **Sending Forth Song:**

### ***You Have Anointed Me***

1. To bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the broken heart,  
You have anointed me.  
To proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners,  
You have anointed me.

Your Spirit, O God, is upon me, You have anointed me.

2. To announce a year of favor, to comfort those who mourn,  
You have anointed me.  
To give to them the oil of gladness, and share a mantle of joy,  
You have anointed me.

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