

Today's Readings

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019

Prayer of the Day

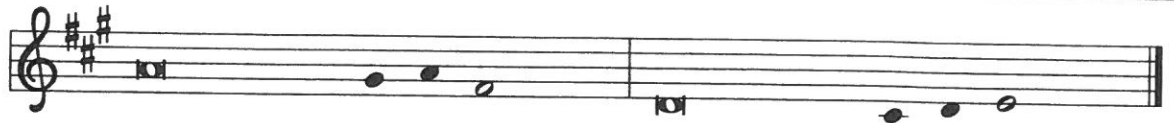
Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 19; tone 3



The heavens declare
the glo-¹ry of God,
and the sky proclaims
its¹ maker's handiwork.
²One day tells its tale¹ to another,
and one night
imparts knowledge¹ to another.
³Although they have
no¹ words or language,
and their voices¹ are not heard,
⁴their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message
to the ends¹ of the world,
where God has pitched a tent¹
for the sun.
⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom
out¹ of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion
to¹ run its course.
⁶It goes forth
from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of¹ it again;
nothing is hidden
from its¹ burning heat.
⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect
and re-¹vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just
and re-¹joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD
is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.
⁹The fear of the LORD is clean
and en-¹dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD
are true and righteous¹ altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
more than¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey¹ in the comb.
¹¹By them also
is your ser-¹vant enlightened,
and in keeping them
there is¹ great reward.
¹²Who can detect one's¹ own offenses?
Cleanse me from my¹ secret faults.
¹³Above all, keep your servant
from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion¹ over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a¹ great offense.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable¹ in your sight,
O LORD, my strength
and¹ my redeemer.

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. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On

the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and 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 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, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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