

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Music (from "The Gospel of Mary")

Meditation IV and Choral II (Hugi Guðmundsson; Schola Cantorum Reykjavicensis)

He told her of such wondrous things
And she listened with joy.
She taught them all what he revealed
Which they had never heard.

The darkness that confronts the soul
Will fall away and cease.
When the bright daylight
Finally shines in peace.

Going out as the people of God

We go out as one in the Spirit. Each has a gift that builds up our community. Each has a value which is God given. Each one is a part of the whole. Each one is needed to accompany the other Each one is a support which holds us together. Thank God for everyone here.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)

Closing Hymn

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

*And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.*

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each man's pride:

Sunday of the Word of God



Welcome and stilling exercise

Open your ears, O Christian people,
open your ears and hear Good News.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood
God has come to you.

*God has spoken to His people, alleluia.
And His words are words of wisdom,
alleluia.*

Israel comes to greet the Saviour,
Judah is glad to see His day.

Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven:
Let all people hear the call.
Peace to those who honour God
Who bear good will and love to all.
Gracious ruler, loving creator,
We adore and give you praise.
Hear our song of glad thanksgiving
For your grace, your loving ways.

From East and West the people travel,
He will show the way.

Those who have ears
to hear His message;
those who have ears,
then let them hear.
Those who would learn
the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's words.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ,
The Son, the Lamb,
who once was slain.
Now you are alive forever,
Help us all God's life to gain.
You alone are blessed and holy:
Jesus Christ, beloved Son.
Sharing glory with the Spirit
And with the Eternal One.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Nehemiah (8:2-10)

A ccordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah,

Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also the Levites Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub,

Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the

Psalm 19

The law of the LORD is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the LORD is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-30)

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. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised 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?

Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The fear of the LORD is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the LORD are truth
and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O LORD,
my rescuer, my rock!

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 powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing!

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:1-4; 4:16-21)

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I, too, decided, as one having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in which you have been instructed.

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. 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 set free those who are oppressed, 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.”

Quiet Prayer | Lectio | Creed | Intercessions

