

Thursday

Octave of Epiphany

FIRST READING

1 John 4:19-5:4

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

72:1-2, 14 and 15cd, 17 (R. see 11)

R. All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

From oppression and violence he redeems their souls;
to him their blood is dear.
They shall pray for him without ceasing,
and bless him all the day. **R.**

May his name endure forever,
his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed. **R.**

ALLELUIA

See Luke 4:18

℣. Alleluia. ℞. Alleluia.

℣. The Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to the captives.

℞. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-22a

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 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. 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 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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." 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. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marvelled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord