

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works... **Amen.**

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:2-4a. 5-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And 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.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the 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 as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our LORD. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15.
R. John 6:63c

R: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the LORD is perfect;
it revives the soul.
The decrees of the LORD are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple. **R.**
2. The precepts of the LORD are right;
they gladden the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear;
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
3. The fear of the LORD is pure,
abiding for ever.
The judgements of the LORD are true;
they are, all of them, just. **R.**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer! **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.
(For shorter form read between > <)

> Brothers and sisters: 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 one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. < 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. 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. 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? 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 parts, 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 parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 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, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

> 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 miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Luke 4:18

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;
to proclaim liberty to the captives.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

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.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation... **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.*

Or

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift... **Amen.**

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

January 26th, 2025
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The gospel today recounts the famous occasion on which Jesus began his teaching ministry in his hometown of Nazareth. He quotes the prophet Isaiah: "[The Lord] 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."

Jesus is setting out his stall, as it were, and makes two things about himself crystal clear. First, that his primary concern is always about human freedom; and that his priority is towards the poor and oppressed whose human freedom is thereby compromised and constrained. Second, that he is indeed the Lord's anointed, the Christ.

Entrance Hymn

620 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

Offertory Hymn

74 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Recessional

505 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

THIS WEEK

27th: Monday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

28th: *St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade 1700*

29th: Wednesday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Warm Welcome Centre 1100-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

30th: *Thursday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

31st: St John Bosco, Priest. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

1st February: *Saturday of Week 3 in Ordinary Time. Offices said privately.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass). Mass at 1000 as usual.

There will be a service of evening worship at 1730 at St Matthew's, Yiewsley (High Street, West Drayton UB7 7QH). This is one of a series Sunday afternoon services in South Hillingdon churches which you are encouraged to attend if you can.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

If you wish a name to be on the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

26th: Gertrude Bray

27th: Cyril Upshon, Brian Hyde

28th: Joan Mary Sadler

29th: Philip Alan North

30th: Edna Sillett, Rene Olive Knight, John Froud, Beryl Harris, Madhu

1st: Noel Fenton, Eileen Pratt

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. If you have requested a blessing, please come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During December 2024, our income was £2,553.66, but our outgoings were £3,302.17. Once again, we've spent more than we received, and this can't continue otherwise we'll soon be bankrupt! Please consider if you are able to increase your contributions to the church, or to set up a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already do so.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: If you would like to help us by sponsoring votive candles, sanctuary lights, incense, or wafers for communion, please do sign up! A sanctuary light (the candles by the tabernacle on the altar and by the statue of the Virgin Mary) costs £3.50, votive candles (next to the statues of other saints) are £1.00 each, and 100 communion wafers are £1.50. Please talk to one of the clergy or to Susan. We'll be delighted to receive your sponsorship. The candles and other items for use in sacred worship will be blessed next week at Candlemass, but sponsorship of these items can be offered at any time during the year.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!