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Serving the Kingdom of God

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is



Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did - bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed - we serve the Kingdom of God.

For today's Mass

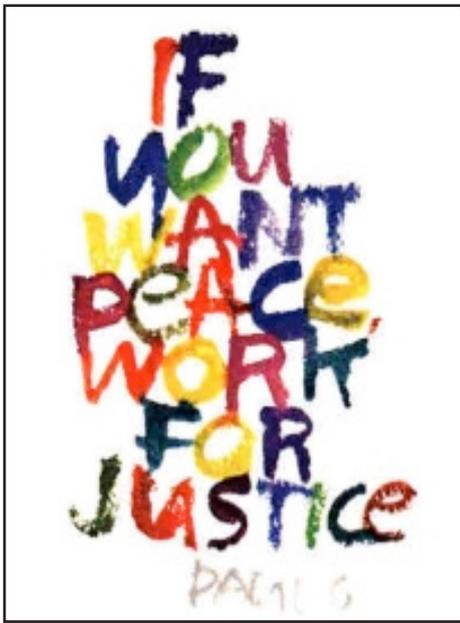
Responsorial Psalm

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.

Gospel Acclamation

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





“Edith Stein, also known as Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was a 20th Century Carmelite nun. Born to a Jewish family, she became Catholic after a period of atheism. Following the rise of Nazism in Germany she wrote to Pope Pius XI asking him to publicly condemn Nazism and “put a stop to this abuse in Christ’s name”. She moved to the Netherlands to avoid the threat of the Nazis, but they ultimately invaded. Sr Teresa asked her superiors for permission to offer herself to Jesus as a “sacrifice of atonement for true peace”. On 20 July 1942 the Dutch Bishops’ Conference condemned the racism of the Nazi regime in a message read in all churches. As a retaliation the Nazis ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts, who previously had been spared. After incarceration in Amersfoort and Westerbork she was taken to Auschwitz with 986 other Jews including her sister on 7 August 1942. It is likely she was part of a mass execution two days later.

Those who remain silent are responsible.

Saint Edith Stein

Collection

Last Sunday’s collection amounted to £320.75 - thank you for your generosity.

Feastdays this week

**Monday 28th January
St Thomas Aquinas**

**Thursday 31st
St John Bosco**

**Saturday 2nd February
Presentation of Our Lord**

Requiem

The Requiem Mass for Maria Borzoni will be held at 11am on Thursday 31st January.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Maria Borzoni, Cath Hutchison,
Bill Busby, Derek Reid
and George Dora
and for the
souls of all the faithful departed.

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen**

AROUND PERTH

**Mass in
St Mary Magdalene’s, Craigie**
10am - Sunday
8am - Weekdays
(except Wednesday and Saturday)
7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

**Sunday Mass in
Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**
5.30pm (vigil); 11am

**Sunday Mass in
St Mary’s, Kinnoull**
10am

Sunday Mass in St John’s
4pm (anticipated Mass); 9am; 11am,
5pm (Polish) & 6.30pm

St John’s ‘Vigil Mass’

Saturday Vigil Mass (more correctly the anticipated Mass of Sunday) will change from 6.30pm to 4pm on Saturday 2nd February

Italian Classes

Italian classes continue on Saturdays - at 4.15pm - beginners and all stages welcome.

First Friday

Mass for the First Friday of the month will be celebrated at 6pm on 1st February.

Rite of Election

For those who are being received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year, the Rite of Election will be celebrated in St Andrew’s Cathedral, Dundee, at 3pm on Sunday 10th March, the First Sunday of Lent.

Nightfever

You are invited to St Andrew’s Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday 9th February for an evening of Adoration and Outreach. The evening starts with a Vigil Mass (5.30pm) - then Adoration and Outreach at 7pm and Evening Prayer and Benediction at 10.30pm.

Journey of Faith

Canon Kevin Golden’s popular adult formation series, Journey of Faith, continue on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, at the Diocesan Centre, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY.

All are welcome - especially those who are joining the Church at Easter - indeed everyone who is searching to gain a deeper insight into scriptures and the liturgy. The talks will often draw on Scripture readings for Sunday Masses and so will be helpful to readers and cantors wishing to enrich their ministry.

Contact Canon Kevin (01382 225228) - kevinjamesgolden@hotmail.com for more details.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass