



# **Lectionary Readings**

During the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, the readings of the weekday are used for the Liturgy of the Word.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD (in Ordinary Time)

#### **First Reading**

#### **First Option**

The LORD anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

The Spirit of the Lord GoD is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a

glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

You yourselves shall be named priests of the Lord, ministers of our God shall you be called.

I will give them their recompense faithfully, a lasting covenant I will make with them.

Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples;

All who see them shall acknowledge them as a race the Lord has blessed.

The word of the Lord

#### **Second Option**

## God's love has been poured out into our hearts.

## A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

5:5-11

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person

one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled,

will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

R. (2) I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

I have found my servant David, and with my holy oil anointed him.

My hand shall always be with him, and my arm shall make him strong. R.

My mercy and my faithfulness shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted.

He will call out to me, "You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation." R.

# Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

for he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. R.

#### He has sent me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

4:16-21

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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