

Chrim Mass

First Reading # Isaiah 61:1-3.6.8-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord has anointed me and he has sent me to bring Good News to the poor,
to give them the oil of gladness.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord,
a day of vengeance for our God;
to comfort all those who mourn
and to give them for ashes a garland;
for mourning robe the oil of gladness,
for despondency, praise.

But you, you will be named 'priests of the Lord',
they will call you 'ministers of our God'.
I reward them faithfully
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their race will be famous throughout the nations,
their descendants throughout the peoples.
All who see them will admit that they are a race
whom the Lord has blessed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 88:21-22.25.27

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have found David my servant
and with my holy oil anointed him.
My hand shall always be with him
and my arm shall make him strong.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

My truth and my love shall be with him;
by my name his might shall be exalted.
He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading † Revelation 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Christ has made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father.

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says the Lord God,
‘who is, who was,
and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel † Luke 4:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

‘The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.’

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them,

‘This text is being fulfilled today
even as you listen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.