

Chrism Mass

First Reading † Isaiah 61:1-3.6.8-9

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of Lord God is on me
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted,
to soothe the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to captives,
release to those in prison,
to proclaim a year of the Lord's favour,
a day of vindication for our God,
to comfort those who mourn,
to give to those who mourn for Zion
a headdress in place of ashes,
a garland in place of mourning-dress,
the oil of gladness in place of a drooping spirit;
and they will be called 'oak trees of saving justice',
planted by the Lord for his glory.

But you shall be called 'priests of the Lord'
and addressed as ministers of our God.
I shall reward them faithfully
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their race will be known among the nations
and their descendants amid the peoples.
All who see them will agree
that they are a people blessed by the Lord.

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 my servant David,
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 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."

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading † Revelation 1:5-8

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

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father; to him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Look, he is coming on the clouds; every eye shall see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. So it shall be. 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

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath as was his custom. He stood up to read, and he was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

*The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to captives,
sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim a year of the Lord's favour.*

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

‘Today this text has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

The Gospel of the Lord.