

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2022. Cycle C



## THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME



### SETTING

What can I give you Lord that you have not given to me? I am silence, I am word, I am hands, I am feet, I am face, I am a more human heart, because I am with you and for you.

I want to be here to bless you and praise you, be silent and let go myself. May your Words fill my life so that you can say that it is fulfilled in me? Today the gospel invites me to ask myself. How my life and the mission that defines me? How is the life and mission of Jesus reflected in my life? And to reflect on the commitment to which the Gospel leads me to be Good News, joy and hope for today's world.

**SONG: Precious Spirit come , Holy Spirit come: Samuel miracle**  
**[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=EH6\\_F\\_0RF3G](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EH6_F_0RF3G)**

## **GOSPEL – Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21**

"Since many have tried to narrate in order the things that have taken place among us, just as they have been transmitted to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word, I too have decided, after having diligently investigated everything from the origins, write it to you by order, illustrious Theophilus, so that you know the solidity of the teachings you have received." Jesus returned to Galilee by the power of the Spirit, and his fame spread throughout the region. He was teaching in their synagogues, praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and, according to his custom, entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and got up to read. They handed him the volume of the prophet Isaiah and, unrolling the volume, he found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim release to captives and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free and to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. Rolling up the volume, he returned it to the minister, and sat down. In the synagogue all eyes were fixed on him. So, he began to say to them, "This scripture, which you have just heard, has been fulfilled today." "

## **We deepen into the Gospel**

The narration that we read today, takes place after the baptism of Jesus. Apparently, everything was going well for the new preacher. He taught in the synagogues of the Jews and everyone praised him. That morning seemed positively announced: Jesus is a good Jew and like all the others, very punctually he goes in the morning to the synagogue to participate in the service.

It is not something very strange that he is entrusted with a reading since every believer has the right to read the Scriptures. The celebration in the synagogue thus proceeds normally... right up to the moment when Jesus reads that well-known text from the prophet Isaiah and in the midst of a fervent silence which follows the reading. Jesus calmly affirms an enormity: «This word that you have just heard has been fulfilled today.» Certainly, a time of silence, the time of coming to understand what he meant to say.

It is very difficult for us to imagine the audacity of this calm affirmation of Jesus since, for his contemporaries, this venerable text of the prophet Isaiah concerned the Messiah. It is necessary to remember how the expectation of the Messiah evolved in Israel: in the beginning, the word "Messiah" (Messiah) in Hebrew or Christ in Greek) meant "anointed with oil" and the word itself was synonymous with king. Little by little, the meaning of the word Messiah will evolve and will take on two meanings:

Messiah is the one who has the mission of guiding the one, who is going to save the people. But he is also the one who is inspired by God: Later, the word Messiah will be used to designate the one on whom the Spirit manifestly rests even if he has not been "anointed with oil."

**Finally in the time of Jesus Christ**, a Messiah is expected. At the same time king and prophet on whom the spirit of God will rest. In other words when Jesus affirms: **«The word of Isaiah that I just read: «The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has consecrated me with the anointing»...Today it has been fulfilled in me. Jesus simply says, "I am the Messiah that you are waiting for."**

Evidently Jesus surprises his listeners. Whoever the Prophet may be, time will say at that moment. They have a good opinion of him but the king, surely he is not! A Messiah-King was expected to triumph in an occupied Palestine at that time by the Romans. This was the expected salvation in the first place; the most urgent was a political salvation. Triumphant messiah (king) Jesus, the young man of the country, son of the carpenter, at the moment is not. At least apparently.

Last observation on this story: The quote from Isaiah that Jesus applies in his favour sounds like a true discourse-program: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to announce the Good News to the poor..." Here is the work of the Spirit. Sometimes we look for discernment criteria, right? Well, in this program we are well served because what is said here about Christ is valid for all of us confirmed, of course to the extent of our littleness.

### **Clues for the prayers**

1. What does the program that He presents to us in the Gospel mean in the daily life of Jesus?
2. What does this program mean in your life? How do you carry it out?
3. How can we get involved as a society, as a group, as a community?

## **DISCOVERING YOUR MISSION AS A CHRISTIAN**\_\_\_\_\_

### **AMBIENT MUSIC: I Wander I Wonder - Joel Bruce Wallach**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqAkpC6XoVg>

### **GIFTS AND CHARISMS**

We form an integrated whole  
made of various parts,

who attain wealth, in unity

Unique, complex system.

The person more than the body

the members a connected whole.  
All diverse, all unique,  
a power, a system.  
Everything, more than sum of parts,  
that guarantee full life.  
By themselves, little.  
In integration they compete  
as diverse talent, unique  
and unrepeatable, Simple and complex.  
We are in the eyes,  
infinity gazes.  
We are in the hands  
gestures that approach caresses.  
We are on the feet,  
pathways to the other.  
We are in words  
meaning, life, future.  
We are in our hearts  
awakening possibility of lives.  
We are in our dreams,  
Powerful talents.  
We are in our thoughts,  
creators of sensible faces.  
We are unique, with the other, more brothers  
Let us build the world of possibilities,  
moments, spaces, green and more human.  
You, our heart in motion  
us hands that welcome him.  
Let us walk let us not leave  
still nor stop the steps.  
That hope wants to be life  
among those who always seek,  
the friendly hand that sustains them.  
Head, body, members in unison,  
In the speedy of events  
from full day to day.

**SONG: you are my all in all: yovelas creation**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X\\_72WITt\\_RQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_72WITt_RQ)



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