

God's Word of Promise

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-10a

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Testament
Story Time

Once again we hear from the prophet Isaiah! In previous chapters of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear about the Servant of God who is to come and fulfill God's mission. God's servant will be empowered by the Spirit to announce good news and to bring God's kingdom to all the nations. But Isaiah says this servant will be rejected and killed as a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people, but then come back to life!

Now the prophet Isaiah describes how the spirit-empowered Servant of God is announcing good news and he reaffirms the promises of hope. The Servant of God will bring comfort to the brokenhearted, release prisoners, put a crown on their heads instead of ashes, and give them oil of gladness instead of mourning. In other words, he will take away their pain and restore justice.

The prophet Isaiah tells us how the Lord God wants to do all of these things because He loves justice and he hates wrongdoing. For those who are faithful, God will restore and take care of them, keeping an everlasting covenant with them.

In the end of this chapter, Isaiah exclaims in great joy:

"I will rejoice heartily in the Lord,
my being exults in my God!"

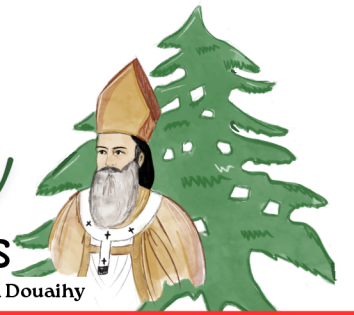


The Lord is a just God. When we are faithful to the Lord God, and faithfully follow His commands, then we are able like Isaiah to rejoice in great joy!

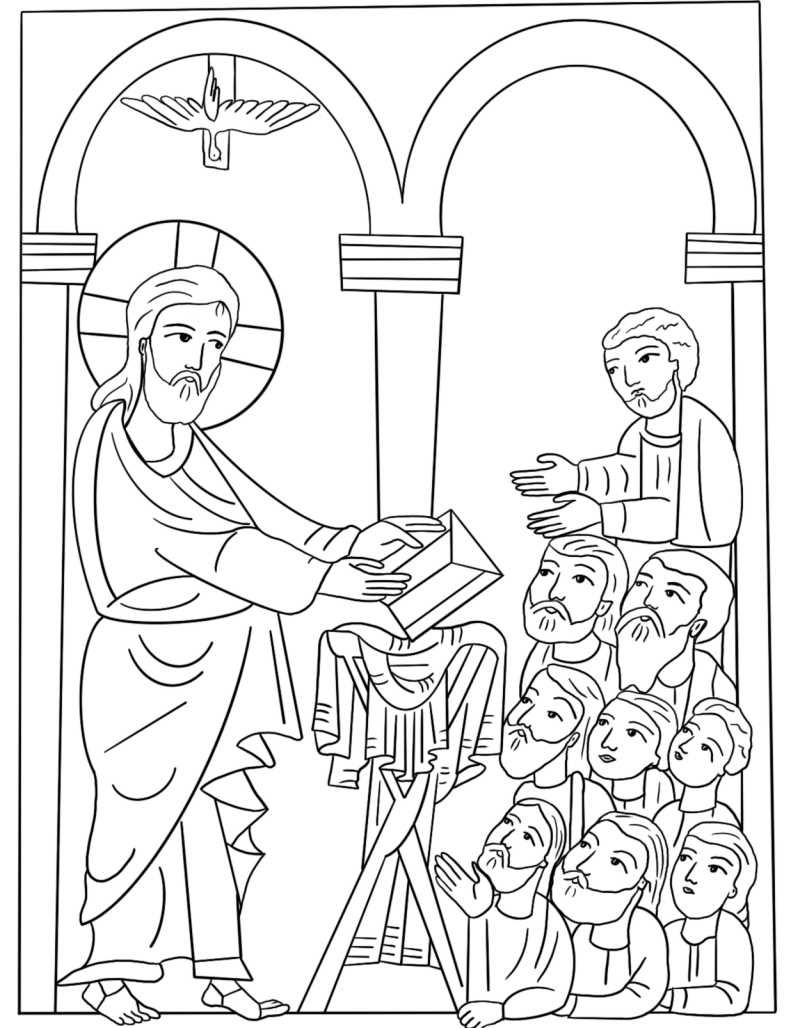
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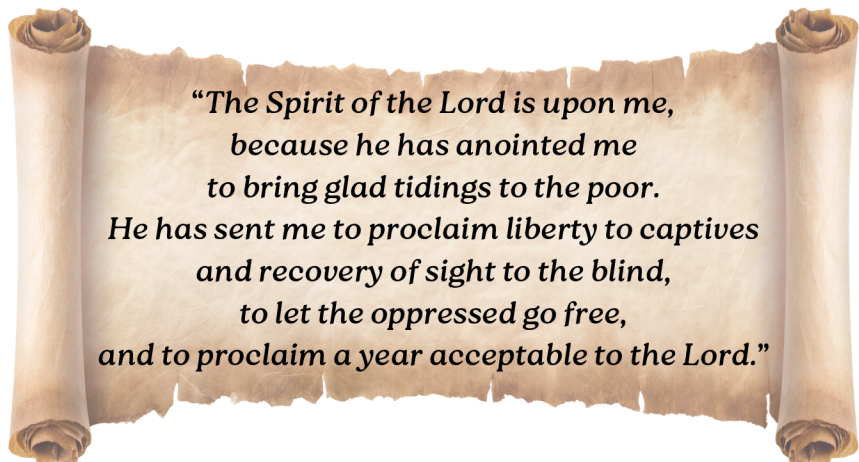
Gospel Corner

Luke
4:14-21

Have you ever heard the word “omniscient”? It is a Latin word that we use to describe God. “Omni-“ means “all” and “-scient” means “knowing.”

This means that God is “all-knowing.” He knows everything. We cannot hide ourselves, our thoughts, or our actions from Him. God knows everything that has happened in the past and He permits everything that will happen in the future. When God revealed future events to the prophets it was because He knew what would happen thousands of years later.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus came to the Synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth with the power of the Holy Spirit upon Him. It was the Sabbath and Jesus stood up to read from the Scriptures. He was given a scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read:



*“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.”*

After reading, Jesus said, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The passage from Isaiah that our omniscient God inspired the prophet to write thousands of years earlier had been fulfilled in that moment as Jesus read in the Synagogue!

Did you know?

GRATITUDE

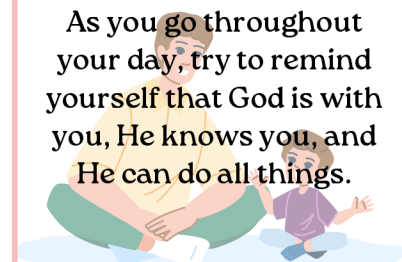
In Catholic theology, gratitude is more than a feeling: it is a virtue and a response to God’s gifts, both large and small, acknowledging His goodness and love.

When we receive a gift from someone, we always say “thank you.” Likewise, every good thing we have comes from God and we must remember to always say “thank you” to God for everything.

What you can do

Tell your parents about the three “Omni-” attributes of God. (Hint: see below)

As you go throughout your day, try to remind yourself that God is with you, He knows you, and He can do all things.



Attributes of God

There are three words beginning with “omni” that we use to describe God. Try to match each word with their correct meaning. Use the pictures as hints. Then check your answers on the back page and color the pictures.



Omniscient

A. All powerful



Omnipresent

B. All knowing



Omnipotent

C. All present
(everywhere at once)