



A Reflection for Third Sunday of Epiphany Readings - 1 Corinthians 12.12-31 & Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

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

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

I Thank You for Those Things That Are Yet Possible

Thank you for...
for justice which repairs the devastations of poverty;
for liberty which extends to the captives of violence;
for healing which binds up the broken bodied and the broken hearted;
for bread broken for all the hungry earth;
for good news of love which is stronger than death;
and for peace for all to sit under fig trees and not be afraid;
for my calling...my life.

Ted Loder is a retired United Methodist minister. He has written several books of poems, prayers and reflections. His use of language, his grappling, and his honesty may be a helpful aid to reflect upon the passage from Luke's Gospel as we are given a glimpse of a pivotal moment in the life of Jesus.

Thank you for reading and keep safe.

The Reverend Nick Devenish

*Please join with The Priory as we also stay connected virtually.
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