THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a • Luke 4:14-21
So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

Nehemiah 8:8
Sunday Morning in Virginia -- Winslow Homer, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14
The Preaching of the Apostles

Les Très Riches Heures du duc de Berry
Musée Condé
Chantilly, France
On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

1 Corinthians 12:22
Welcoming Handicapped Information on Church Sign -- St. Peter's, Norfolk, England
Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

Luke 4:14
Jesus Preaching in the Present  -- Söraby kyrka, Rottne, Sweden
He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Luke 4:15
Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace
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,

Luke 4:16
James Tissot: Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue

James Tissot
Brooklyn Museum
Brooklyn, NY
and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

Luke 4:17
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

Luke 4:18a
The Poor Invited to the Feast -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

Luke 4:18b
Appointment of a Prisoner with his Family -- V. P. Vereschchagin, Treyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia
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.

Luke 4:20
Christ Teaching -- Cathedral of Saint Kinga, in the salt mine of Wieliczka, Poland
Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:21
Apse Mosaic -- Basilica of Cosmas and Damien, Rome, Italy
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