

**Third Sunday after Epiphany Proper 3**  
*PAGE 350: Preface of the Lord's Day*

**Sentence**

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. *Luke 4.18*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Readings**

Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12.12–31a  
Luke 4.14–21

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Loving God,  
before the world began you called us.  
Make holy all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in that calling.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God,  
our hands have taken holy things;  
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.  
May we who have eaten at this holy table  
be strengthened for service in your world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.