



## **“Is Anyone Listening?”**

In today's Gospel, Luke's account of the beginning of Jesus' ministry has declared that this prophecy has now been fulfilled:

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

He is in effect announcing his own claim to be God's chosen one for the liberation of his people.

The reading from Corinthians is, of course, St. Paul's reflection on Love. It is found in that part of the First Letter to the Corinthians where Paul speaks about the nature of the Christian community to the church of Corinth,

which was divided over many issues. Over the last few weeks, we have listened to Paul's words as he presented his teachings concerning the various gifts of the members of the community. He points out that all gifts flow from the Holy Spirit. To one the Spirit gives the gift of wisdom. To another he gives the gift of understanding. Some can work miracles. Others can prophecy. All the members of the Church are gifted with different talents; one gift is not more important than another, one member of the community is not more important than another. Together, all with their gifts compose the unified Body of Christ. And of course, those gifts mean nothing unless there is Love.



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