

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Isaiah 61

TUNE: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (MARION)
Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11; Luke 4:16-22

♩ = 96

F C E Am C7 Dm C F A7 E Dm Dm C E Dm G7 D C

1. The day of grace is now! The lov - ing God draws near.
 2. He brings good news to all, To all op - pressed by need.
 3. Each hun - gry, strug - gling soul Is pre - cious in His sight.
 4. He clothes us with His joy, With praise from head to toe!

F7 Bb Bbadd9 Bb6 D sus D Em7 A6 A7 D D Gm Bb Dm A Gm7 F A Bb C

His Spir - it fills His hu - man Son. Im - man - u - el is here!
 He comes to heal each bro - ken heart And set us free in - deed.
 The Sav - ior leads us, one by one, From dun - geons in - to light.
 He gives, thro' ev - 'ry storm and strain, A Spir - it still a - glow.

Refrain

N.C. N.C. C Dm7 C E N.C. Dm7 C E F E Bb B D E C Bb6 E C7 F

Re - joice! Re - joice! Lord Je - sus Christ has come!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter (1834-1916)

MARION
S.M.w.Ref.

TOPICS: Epiphany; Life of Christ

LEAD-IN: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed,
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.’ ...
Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*
(Luke 4:18-19, 21, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Jesus Introduces Himself

When Jesus introduced Himself
to His hometown crowd in Nazareth,
He did so with these words:
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He was reading Isaiah 61:1-2a,
which is part of a longer passage describing the
comfort and
total transformation
that God’s Messiah,
His specially Anointed One,
would bring to God’s people.

He would bring
relief and release to all held captive,
healing for every broken heart,
the righting of every wrong.
He would clothe His people with
joy and praise
from head to toe.

But most importantly, He would glow with
the loving compassion,
the tender, all-out, self-giving love of
Almighty God.

Friends, He has come!
The day of God’s grace is now!
Come know Him!
Come trust Him!
Come rejoice in Him!
Messiah is HERE!