



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21–27

LECTIONARY 3

Year A

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time ^ⲁthe LORD ^ⲓbrought into contempt
the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
but in the latter time the LORD will make glorious the way of the sea,
the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, dear family,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you be in agreement
and that there be no divisions among you
but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.

¹¹For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people
that there are quarrels among you, my dear family.

¹²What I mean is that each of you says,
"I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos,"
or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

¹³Has Christ been divided?
Was Paul crucified for you?
Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶I did baptize also the household of Stephanas;
beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize
but to proclaim the gospel—
and not with eloquent wisdom,
so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross
is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested,
he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea,
in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah
might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim,
“Repent, for the dominion of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother,
casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers.

¹⁹And Jesus said to them,
“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed Jesus.

²¹Going on from there, Jesus saw two other brothers,
James son of Zebedee and his brother John,
in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets,
and he called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the good news of the dominion of heaven
and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.