

Readings at Mass for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9.1B-4

A reading from the Prophet, Isaiah

In the former time, the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but, in the latter time, he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 27(26). 1, 4, 13-14; R. V. 1A

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord;
to enquire at his Temple. **R.**

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord: be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 4.12-23

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree; and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul,' or 'I follow Apollos,' or 'I follow Cephas,' or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel; and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom,
and healed every affliction among the people. **R.**

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4.12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled,

'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light; and, for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.'

From that time, Jesus began to preach, saying 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking 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 fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately, they left their nets and followed him.

And, going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. Immediately, they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

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