

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

*Liturgical Colour: Green.*

### Readings at Mass

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#### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6**

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

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#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

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#### First reading

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun  
and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will  
confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of  
Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor –  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

#### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14**

*R/The Lord is my light and my help.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? *R/*
  2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. *R/*
  3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! *R/*
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#### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17**

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

#### The word of the Lord

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## Gospel Acclamation

cf.Mt4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom  
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

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## Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!*

*Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,*

*Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness has seen a great  
light;*

*on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

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## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

Or:

Jn 8: 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

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## Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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