

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

*Entrance Antiphon*

**Cf Psalm 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.

*First Reading*

**Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

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**.

*Responsorial Psalm*

**Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.)** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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.)

*Second Reading*

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

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

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

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.

*Gospel Acclamation*

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

*Gospel*

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

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.' As he was walking by the Sea of **Galilee** he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of **Zebedee** and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father **Zebedee**, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of **Galilee** teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

