

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 22 JANUARY 2017

*These readings are provided, first, so you can re-read and reflect on them during the week, and second, if you wish, to follow the readings during the service.*

## **Isaiah 9.1-4**

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> For 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.

## **Psalms 27.1-10**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?: the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me: they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid: and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

<sup>5</sup> To see the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek his will in his temple.

<sup>6</sup> For he will hide me under his shelter  
in the day of trouble:  
and conceal me in the shadow of his  
tent, and set me high upon a rock.  
<sup>7</sup> And now he will lift up my head:  
above my enemies round about me.  
<sup>8</sup> And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary  
with exultation:  
I will sing, I will sing praises to the  
Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:  
have mercy upon me and answer me.  
<sup>10</sup> My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':  
your face, Lord, I will seek.

### **1 Corinthians 1.10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all  
of you should be in agreement and that there  
should be no divisions among you, but that  
you should be united in the same mind and  
the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported  
to me by Chloe's people that there are  
quarrels among you, my brothers and  
sisters. <sup>12</sup> What 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.' <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was  
Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized  
in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I  
baptized none of you except Crispus and  
Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you  
were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize  
also the household of Stephanas; beyond  
that, I do not know whether I baptized  
anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For 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. <sup>18</sup> For 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.

### **Matthew 4.12-25**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been  
arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.  
<sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in  
Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of  
Zebulun and Naphtali,

<sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the  
prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:  
<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the 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.'  
<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim,  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come  
near.'  
<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw  
two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and  
Andrew his brother, casting a net into the  
lake—for they were fishermen.  
<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will  
make you fish for people.'  
<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and  
followed him.  
<sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he 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.  
<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their  
father, and followed him.  
<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in  
their synagogues and proclaiming the good  
news of the kingdom and curing every  
disease and every sickness among the  
people.  
<sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria,  
and they brought to him all the sick, those  
who were afflicted with various diseases and  
pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics,  
and he cured them.  
<sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from  
Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and  
from beyond the Jordan.