

# TODAY'S LESSONS: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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. 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. 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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord\*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

## I Corinthians 1:10-18

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, 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 united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 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." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

## Matthew 4:12-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 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." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 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 sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Todays Readers:

Lessons: Brian Marquardt

Prayers: Angie Essenmacher

# TODAY's MUSIC

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Offertory Anthem

One Thing I ask

Communion Music

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Closing Hymn

Will you come and follow me?

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be  
 Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be

the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
 the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
 the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
 the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my  
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to  
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and  
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 what I mean in you and you in me?  
 touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 live and grow in you and you in me.

Postlude

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation

## Please pray for

**Those in need of healing:** Jane (Rose), Connie (Johnson), William (Schulenberg), Cole (Young), Pam (Kerns), Stephanie (Robinson), Ida (Davenport), Pat (Snyder), the Collins Family, Bob (Chapman), Shirley (Haas), Jen (Jewkes), Pat (Mulkern), Lynn (Honeycutt), Hardy (Shelton III), Jacey (Ciernak), Abbie B., the Kirton-Burbank family, Sarah (Rodemeyer) Caelyn, Oliver, & Annabelle, Paula (Gray-Roberston), Leola, Fran (Moir), Louise (LeBeau), Greg (Haas), Cindy (Graham), Marie (Stanyar), Shannon (Lance), Jill (Poske), and Ron (Juergens).

**For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan:** St. James' (Dexter).

**For the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic:** St. Gabriel's (Consuelo).