

## 22 January 2023: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading (SMM)

### **A reading from the book of Isaiah (9:1-4)**

<sup>1</sup>Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walk in darkness  
will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness,  
a light will shine.

<sup>3</sup>You will enlarge the nation of Israel,  
and its people will rejoice.

They will rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest  
and like warriors dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For you will break the yoke of their slavery  
and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders.

You will break the oppressor's rod,  
just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

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Second Reading (AH)

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-18)**

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. <sup>11</sup> For some members of Chloe's household have told me about your quarrels, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> Some of you are saying, "I am a follower of Paul." Others are saying, "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Peter," or "I follow only Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided into factions? Was I, Paul, crucified for you? Were any of you baptized in the name of Paul? Of course not! <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> for now no one can say they were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (Oh yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas, but I don't remember baptizing anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News—and not with clever speech, for fear that the cross of Christ would lose its power.

<sup>18</sup> The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

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