

Sunday 18 January 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Isaiah 9.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O land of Zebulun and Naftali,
on the shores of Galilee,
beyond the Jordan,
amongst the other nations:

you have suffered anguish,
affliction, and despair;
but you will be
raised to glory.

You have walked
in darkness,
but you will see
a great light.

You have lived
in a land
of deep darkness,
but on you,
the light will shine.

You will
enlarge the nation;
and there will be joy
like the joy
on the day of the harvest,
or on the day
when the enemy
is driven away.

For the bar
across your shoulders,
and the power
of your oppressor,
will be broken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

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

To the church of God in Corinth,
made holy, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

And to all those,
in every place, who call on his name.

Grace to you, and peace,
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every day
I give thanks
for all that God is doing amongst you.

For in Christ,
you have grown
in every way.

You have grown
in your confidence
in the message of Christ.

And you have grown
in every spiritual gift,
as you look
for the coming of our Lord.

God has called you
into the fellowship
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.

And we trust
that God will continue
to give you the strength
that will keep you in holiness
for the day of our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 4.12-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

When he heard
that John the Baptist
had been arrested,

Jesus left Nazareth,
and made his home at Capernaum,
on the north shore of Galilee,

fulfilling the words
of the prophet Isaiah:

'O land of Zebulun and Naftali,
on the shores of Galilee,
beyond the Jordan,
amongst the other nations:

you have walked
in darkness,
but you will see
a great light;

you have lived
in a land
of deep darkness,
but on you,
the light will shine.'

And there,
Jesus began to teach,
saying, 'Repent,
for the kingdom of heaven is near.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.