

**Sunday 25 January 2026**  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)*

**First Reading - *Isaiah 49.5-6***

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord called me,

even before I was born,  
to gather Jacob and Israel  
back to the Lord;  
a great task,  
for which the Lord God  
is my strength.

And now the Lord says,

'It is too light a thing  
that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and to restore the survivors of Israel.

I will give you

as a light  
to all  
nations,

that my salvation may reach  
to the ends of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - *1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18***

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

I hear that there have been

quarrels  
amongst you,  
with some saying  
they belong to Paul,  
while others say  
they belong to Apollos,  
or to Peter,  
or only to Christ.

But Christ is not divided!

Paul was not crucified for you!  
And you were not baptised in the name of Paul!

Indeed Christ did not send me to baptise,

but to proclaim the gospel;

and not even with eloquent words of wisdom,  
which might have distracted  
from the power  
of the message itself -  
the message  
of the cross of Christ.

For the message of the cross

is foolishness  
to those who are perishing,  
but to those who are  
being saved,  
it is the power of God.

So I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to find agreement with one another,

so that there may be

no more divisions amongst you,  
and you may be united  
in mind and purpose.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - *Matthew 4.18-25***

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

As Jesus walked

by the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw two fishermen  
casting a net  
into the lake -  
Simon, who is called Peter,  
and his brother Andrew.

Jesus said to them,

'Come, follow me,  
and I will  
send you out  
to fish for people!'

Immediately,

they left their nets  
and followed him.

As Jesus went on from there,

he saw the brothers James and John,  
with their father,  
in their boat, mending their nets.

And he called them.

Immediately

they left the boat, and their father,  
and followed him.

Jesus

began to travel  
throughout Galilee,  
teaching  
in their synagogues,  
proclaiming

the good news of the kingdom,  
and curing  
every disease  
and every sickness  
amongst the people.

His fame spread north  
into Syria.

And they brought to him

all who suffered  
with demons,  
diseases,  
or pain;  
and he healed them.

And great crowds

followed him,  
from Galilee,

Jerusalem, and Judea,  
and from the east side of the Jordan,  
and beyond.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.