

Sunday 25th January 2026
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn NEH 341 Blest are the pure in heart

Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson **Isaiah 9: 1-4**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 9, verses 1 to 4.

¹But 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

Sun 9am Here endeth the Lesson.

Sun 10.45 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 12-23

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 4, verses 12 to 23.

Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ 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.'

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸As 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As 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. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus 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.

Sun 9am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Intercessions led by Chris.

We offer particular prayers for

Masami, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Bill, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Joseph, Johnny, Alice, Alison B.; The family and friends of Ruth Hepburn; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers:

Ruth Hepburn who died recently.

Those in our Year's Mind this week:

Brian Philp, Helen Wilson, John Mann, Constance McIntyre, Peter Maclean.

Offertory Hymn NEH 76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Almighty and Everlasting God

Post Communion Prayer for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we always return to this bread and wine.

May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn NEH 353 Dear Lord and father of mankind

Readings for the day

*Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; *Matthew 4: 12-23

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Readings & music for Choral Evensong at 6.30pm

Readings: Jeremiah 3: 21 - 4: 2; 1 Peter 1: 3-12

Magnificat & Nunc Dimitis: Noble in b

Anthem: Evening Hymn: Balfour Gardiner

Psalm 113; Responses: Tompkins; Lord's Prayer: Stone

CAHON 466 Nearer, my God, to thee (Tune 2: Propior Deo)

CAHON 262 Happy are they, they that love God (Binchester)