



LECTIONARY

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:1-4

But 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.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

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.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

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.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: “*Here I am, Lord*”

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Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:12-23

Now 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.



Priest: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

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

Prayers of the People

After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together

Please respond to each of these prayers with the phrase:
Christ hear us!

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially the Church of Tanzania;
We Pray... **Christ hear us!**

We pray also for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially St. Peter's in Litchfield Park;
We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our nation, asking God to bless and inspire our elected leadership for the good of us all;
We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for our Armed Forces, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones;
We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our world, asking God's guidance in the international effort to assist refugees;
We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

We pray for Sierra Vista and our surrounding area, asking God's protection for our fire and emergency medical personnel;
We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for those who are poor, sick, mourning or experiencing any kind of suffering. Please say aloud the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

Pause for people to mention names then say:

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**

Let us pray for our friends and loved ones, who have departed this life, may they enjoy the glory of the heavenly city. Please say the names of any for whom you wish to pray;

Pause for people to mention names then say:

We pray. . . **Christ hear us!**