

January 22, 2023

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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 should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should 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.

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 lake, 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 lake—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.



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"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages "all congregations to continue using masks for the time being." For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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Psalm 27:1-7 - Tune: 302 *As with Gladness Men of Old* (Dix)

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

**God my Savior and my Light
Keeps me safe from dreadful fright.**

Leader: When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war arise against me, yet will I be confident.

**God my Savior and my Light--
May I serve him day and night.**

One thing I have asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**God my Savior and my Light
Watches with protecting might.**

He will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble. He will conceal me under the cover of his tent. He will set me high upon a rock.

**God my Savior and my Light
Keeps me safe within his sight.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above all my enemies round about me; and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy. I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**God my Savior and my Light
Answers me from heaven's height.**

Hear me, Lord, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me! Do not hide your face from me.

**Let me see your face aright,
God my Savior and my Light!**

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Dates to Remember

Today	Council Meeting after the service
Feb 5	Annual Meeting after the service
Feb 11	5:30 PM – Roast Beef Dinner

Annual reports will be ready soon. PDF versions will be sent by email this week, and printed copies will be available to pick up next Sunday.

St. Matthew's Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, February 11

5:30 PM

Tickets

- Adults - \$20
- Youth (6-12) - \$12
- Kids (under 6) - FREE



Purchase tickets from Marilyn Schultz or Dianne Yungblut by February 6.

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Thanks be to God.