

**Sunday 21 January 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT Yr B**  
*(Sunday of the Word of God – Octave of Christian Unity)*

*Liturgical Colour: Green. Year: B(II).*

**Readings at Mass**

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6**

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

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**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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**First reading**

**Jonah 3:1-5,10**

**The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9**

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

*Lord, make me know your ways.*

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## **Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

### **The world as we know it is passing away**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Mk1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is close at hand:  
repent, and believe the Good News.  
Alleluia!

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## **Gospel**

**Mark 1:14-20**

### **I will make you into fishers of men**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### **Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 33: 6**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

**Or:**

**Jn 8: 12**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.