

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel,  
to thee shall come Emmanuel!*

2. O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

3. O come, o come, Thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.



2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his  
name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the  
peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of  
Israel. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the  
Philippians 4:4-7

*The Lord is very near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the  
Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness.  
Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the  
Lord is very near. There is no need to worry;  
but if there is anything you need, pray for it,  
asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,  
and that peace of God, which is so much  
greater than we can understand, will guard  
your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke 3:10-18

*What must we do?*

When all the people asked John, 'What must  
we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics  
he must share with the man who has none, and  
the one with something to eat must do the  
same.' There were tax collectors too who  
came for baptism, and these said to him,  
'Master what must we do?' He said to them,  
'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers  
asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What  
must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation!  
No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among  
the people, who were beginning to think that  
John might be the Christ, so John declared  
before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but  
someone is coming, someone who is more  
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18

*The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Is 12:2-6. R] v. 6

**R. Sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

(R.)

