

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say
rejoice(2)
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice (2)
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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The Lord has repealed your sentence;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:

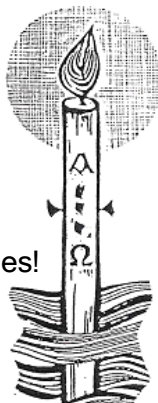
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

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.)
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!

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 strap of his sandals; he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-
floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the
chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'
As well as this, there were many other things he said to
exhort the people and to announce the Good News
to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(All bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies labour.
In wine we offer you, our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
but stand united now, one in belief.
Oh we have gladly heard, your Word, your holy
Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith
renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor
soil
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we
resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel,
shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

3. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's shadows put to flight:
4. O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

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1. Come, O divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph,  
and sadness flee away.

*Sweet Saviour, haste come, come to earth:  
dispel the night, and show thy face,  
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
Come, O divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph,  
and sadness flee away.*

2. O Thou, whom nations sighed for,  
whom priests and prophets long foretold,  
wilt break the captive fetters,  
redeem the long-last fold.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Mary most holy, from your hands falling  
are heaven's blessings. Hear us, now calling.  
Teach us to pray, and work for God's glory.  
Ave Maria, ave.
2. Help us to witness Christ is still living,  
service to others cheerfully giving.  
Teach us to pray, and work for God's glory.  
Ave Maria, ave.
3. Through joy and sorrow, each day's condition,  
ever, dear Mother, hear our petition.  
Teach us to pray and work for God's glory.  
Ave Maria, ave.

