

Third Sunday of Advent C

12 December 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

The Lord, your God, will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6

R. Cry out with joy and gladness:

for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation. ***R.***

Give thanks to the Lord,
Call in his name;
Make known his deeds among the nations;
Proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything let your requests be made known to God
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord now upon me;
has sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

The crowds, who were gathering to be baptized by John, asked him,
"What should we do?"

In reply John said to them,

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none;
and whoever has food must do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized,
and they asked him,

"Teacher, what should we do?"

He said to them,

"Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

Soldiers also asked him,

"And we, what should we do?"

He said to them,

"Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation,
and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Messiah,

John answered all of them by saying,

"I baptize you with water;

but one who is more powerful than I is coming;

I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand,

to clear his threshing floor

and to gather the wheat into his granary;

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations,

John proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

