

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN: 'Sing with Joy You Advent People'

Sing with joy, you Advent people!
Hopeful hearts inspire your song.
Fill the Earth with alleluias
For the wait will not be long.

Refrain:

Joyful hearts sing with exultation!
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Draw with joy the springing waters
Bursting from the Well of God.
See the wondrous Gift of Heaven,
Key of David, Jesse's Rod. **Refrain**

Shout with joy, O Daughter Zion!
Sing aloud, Jerusalem!
Now your God is coming nearer.
Sorrow's time is at an end. **Refrain**

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*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark
the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own
love and concern".*
Mother Teresa

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3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December 2024

GATHERING HYMN: 'Hymn for Advent'

The Lord's Messiah comes;
God's kingdom to announce.
He calls us to repent,
and all our sins renounce.
His conquest over sin
now gives us peace within.

He breaks into our world,
the light of God to show,
all darkness to dispel,
all evil overthrow.
Let justice now be done,
new life on earth begun.

Lord of the end to come,
your praise we will repeat,
the world you came to save,
you will perfect, complete.
There is no need to fear:
Rejoice, the Lord is near.

COLLECT:

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the
way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rejoice

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**Third Sunday
of Advent**

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements 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;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise and
renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,
says the Lord.



For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4 : 4 —7

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 by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN— “How Lovely On the Mountains’ – (280)

We sing verse 4 after the Gospel Reading

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he 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, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE GIFTS: ‘Hark, A Herald Voice is Calling’ – (247)

COMMUNION HYMNS: ‘Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him’ – (336)

‘Bread of the World in Mercy Broken’ – (HON 74)

‘Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling’ – (HON 464)