

Third Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 92

Reading I

Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

Sing joyfully, O Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has removed the judgment
against you

he has turned away your
enemies;

the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your
midst,

you have no further misfortune to
fear.

On that day, it shall be said to
Jerusalem:

Fear not, O Zion, be not
discouraged!

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with
gladness,
and renew you in his love,
he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

R. (6) Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy
One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the
LORD,

and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water

at the fountain of salvation.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One of
Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his
name;

among the nations make known his
deeds,

proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One of
Israel.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious
achievement;

let this be known throughout all the
earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,

for great in your midst

is the Holy One of Israel!

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reading II

Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,

by prayer and petition, with

thanksgiving,

make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses

all understanding

will guard your hearts and minds in

Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
“What should we do?”

He said to them in reply,

“Whoever has two cloaks

should share with the person who has
none.

And whoever has food should do
likewise.”

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

“Teacher, what should we do?”

He answered them,

“Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.”

Soldiers also asked him,

“And what is it that we should do?”

He told them,

“Do not practice extortion,
do not falsely accuse anyone,
and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of
his sandals.

He will baptize 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 with
unquenchable fire.”

Exhorting them in many other ways,

he preached good news to the people.