

## **December 11, 2021. *Third Sunday of Advent***

### **Opening Hymn : On Jordan's Bank**

¶ On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin:  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there. ¶

### **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.

**The Word of the Lord.**              *Thanks be to God.*

**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.

**The Word of the Lord.**      *Thanks be to God.*

## **Acclamation before the Gospel**

**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.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Offertory Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

¶ The King shall come when morning dawns,  
And light triumphant breaks;  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,  
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old, a little child  
To bear, and fight, and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun,  
That lights that morning sky

O, brighter than the rising morn,  
When He, victorious rose,  
And left the lonesome place of death,  
Despite the rage of foes;—

O, brighter than that glorious morn,  
Shall this fair morning be,  
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,  
And we His face shall see.

The King shall come when morning dawns,  
And light and beauty brings;—  
Hail! Christ the Lord; Thy people pray  
Come quickly, King of kings. ¶

## Holy, Holy, Holy

¶ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. ¶

## Communion Hymn : Maranatha

¶ [Refrain: ] Maranatha, we long for Your peace  
Maranatha, we long for Your mercy  
Maranatha, we long for Your coming O God

In Your image You have fashioned us  
In the garden You made us  
You have given us Your breath of life  
Voice to praise Your name,  
Voice to praise Your name. [Refrain: ]

In our weakness we have turned from You  
Turned from light to the darkness  
Ever longing for salvation  
O Lord of light,  
O Lord of light. [Refrain: ]

In Your love You have sent Your Son  
Your salvation for every one  
Word incarnate, God's compassion

Hope for humankind  
Hope for humankind. [*Refrain:*] ¶

We await Your day of glory  
Christ Jesus, return for us  
Gentle King, Just Deliverer  
You will bring us home  
You will bring us home. [*Refrain:*] ¶

### Our Parish Hymn after Communion

¶ Jesus my Lord, my God, my all  
How can I love thee as I ought?  
and how revere this wondrous gift,  
so far surpassing hope or thought  
Sweet sacrament we Thee adore,  
Oh make us love Thee more and more,  
Oh make us love Thee more and more. ¶

### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, oh Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

### Closing Hymn : O Come Divine Messiah

¶ O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away.

**[Refrain: ]** Dear Savior, haste, come, come to earth  
    Dispel the night and show Your face  
    And bid us hail the dawn of grace  
    O come, divine Messiah!  
    The world in silence waits the day  
    When hope shall sing its triumph  
    And sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold  
Come break the captive fetters  
Redeem the long-lost fold. **[Refrain: ] ¶**

**HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND.**