



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C (P 774)- 16/12/2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING 3:14-18 Page 775

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

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 The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.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 the 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

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



SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7 page 776

The Lord is 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 Isa 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Page 776 3:10-18

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

What, then, 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 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 in 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.** ◆



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for coming feasts

◆ **Through Christ our Lord.** ◆



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