

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah 12:26
RESPONSE: Cry out with joy and gladness: among you is the great and holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,
 I trust, I shall not fear.
 For the Lord is my strength, my song,
 he became my saviour.
 With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation. **Response.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
 Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
 Declare the greatness of his name. **Response.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
 for he has done glorious deeds,
 make them known to all the earth!
 People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **Response.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:47
 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
 The Lord is near.

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
 What, then, must we do?
 When all the people asked John. 'What must do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one who has something to eat must do the same.' There were collectors too who came for baptism, and these he 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 coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; I will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and I will gather the wheat into 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.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:
 Micah 5: 1- 4;
 Heb 10: 5- 10;
 Lk 1: 39- 44.

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**THIRDSUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)
 11th / 12th December 2021**

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

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18
 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 that 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.
 Thanks be to God.

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