
December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Philippians 4:4-5

STAND GATHERING SONG

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

COLLECT

SIT FIRST READING Zephania 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.**

RESPONSE: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

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

SECOND READING..... Phillipians 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.**

STAND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 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.**

SIT

HOMILY

STAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH: **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, [bow] 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.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

SIT

PREPARATION of GIFTS: Gifts are collected for the poor and for the Church. Bread and wine are brought to the altar table, and everything is prepared for the celebration.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **And with your spirit.
We lift them up to the Lord.
It is right and just.**

STAND

When all is ready, the priest prays, "...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father," and all respond: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PREFACE to the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The priest continues with the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, ending with a statement of how we join our voices with all the angels and the saints in proclaiming God's glory.

HOLY, HOLY

KNEEL

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: This is the central prayer of the entire celebration. It is during this prayer that the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The Church tells us that liturgy is the *action* of Christ the priest and His Body the Church.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

GREAT AMEN: The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the priest sings: "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever." All respond with: **Amen.**

STAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER • SIGN of PEACE

KNEEL BREAKING of the BREAD: The “Lamb Of God” litany is sung. At the conclusion, all kneel.

COMMUNION: The priest says, “Behold the Lamb of God...” and all respond: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

We come forward together as the Body of Christ to receive the Body of Christ, so that together we may be the Body of Christ in the world. We say “Amen” to that which we are, and we become what we receive. After all have received, everyone is invited to sit or kneel for a period of silent prayer. The Communion Rite concludes with a prayer to which all respond: **Amen.**

STAND PRAYER after COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS • CLOSING PRAYER and DISMISSAL

We give thanks to all those at our liturgies

who preside at our prayer

welcome God’s people • proclaim God’s wordlead and inspire us in song

prepare our liturgies and worship space • bake our bread

minister the Holy Eucharist to us

and for all who pray and celebrate with us this day.