

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON



(5) To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

*After the Cantor has sung the Antiphon, ALL repeat it, as well as after each of the verses sung by the Cantor or Choir.*

1. In you, O my God, I have trusted, \* let me not be put to shame. (*Rep. Ant.*)
2. Nor let me enemies exult over me, \* and let none who hope in You be put to shame. (*Rep. Ant.*)

*If needed in case the celebrant has not arrived at the chair (e.g. if there is incensation), the doxology may be added.*

3. Glory to the Father .... (*Rep. Ant.*)
4. As it was .... (*Rep. Ant.*)

*The Ordinary Parts of Holy Mass (Glory to God, etc.) are found in the Order of Mass section at the beginning of this worship resource.*

## COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: “The LORD our justice.”

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14*



(4) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day. **Resp.**
2. Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **Resp.**
3. All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction. **Resp.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



(8) Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia ....**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25–28, 34–36*

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.



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forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*



(8) The Lord has done great things for us.

1. When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter. **Resp.**
2. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. **Resp.**
3. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. **Resp.**
4. Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. **Resp.**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



(8) Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia....**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 3:1-6*

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region

of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*During the Preparation of the Offerings, the choir may sing a hymn or psalm. All are invited to listen in a spirit of prayer and offering.*

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a Preface and Dialogue between Priest and people (cf. Ordinary Parts of Holy Mass). The Eucharistic Prayer concludes, after the Doxology of Praise for the Holy Trinity, with all saying: **Amen.** The Communion Rite follows, beginning with the **Lord's Prayer.** (cf. Order of Mass section at the beginning of this worship resource.)*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON



(5) Je - ru - sa - lem, be - hold the joy which



comes to you from God.

*After the Cantor has sung the Antiphone, ALL repeat it. Then the Cantor or Choir will add a Psalm; the Antiphon is repeated by ALL after every two verses of the Psalm.*

1. Up, Jerusalem \* stand upon the heights.
2. And behold the joy \* which comes to you from God. (*Rep. Ant.*)

*All are invited to join in singing the Antiphon, which will be repeated after the choir sings two verses from the Psalm.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*After Holy Communion, a period of silent prayer may follow, or the choir may sing a motet. The Concluding Prayer, Blessing and Dismissal follow. While the ministers are leaving the sanctuary, all sing the recessional hymn, found in the Hymn section of this worship resource.*

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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(5) Re - joice in the Lord; the Lord is near

*After the Cantor has sung the Antiphon, ALL repeat it, as well as after each of the verses sung by the Cantor of Choir.*

1. Again I say, rejoice always, \* indeed, the Lord is near. (*Rep. Ant.*)

*If needed in case the celebrant has not arrived at the chair (e.g. if there is incensation), the doxology may be added.*

2. Glory to the Father .... (*Rep. Ant.*)
3. As it was .... (*Rep. Ant.*)

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## COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Zephaniah 3:14–18a*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

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

*Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6*

(7) Cry out with joy and glad - ness: for a - mong  
you is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

1. 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. **Resp.**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. **Resp.**
3. 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! **Resp.**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 4:4–7*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

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 request 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.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## GOSPEL

*Luke 3:10–18*

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

## PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*During the Preparation of the Offerings, the choir may sing a hymn or psalm. All are invited to listen in a spirit of prayer and offering.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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