

COMMUNION CHANT Is 35: 4

**D**ÍCITE: pusillánimes, confortámini et nolíte timére: ecce, Deus noster véniet et salvábit nos.

**S**AY: “Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us.”



## Third Sunday of Advent

YEAR B

ENTRANCE CHANT Phil. 4: 4, 5, Ps 84

**G**AUDÉTE in Dómino semper: íterum dico, gaudéte. Modéstia vestra nota sit ómnibus homínibus: Dóminus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratióne petitiónes vestræ innotéscant apud Deum. V̇. Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem Iacob.

**R**EJOICE in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God. V̇. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have put an end to Jacob’s captivity.

FIRST READING Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11

**T**HE spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, | because the LORD has anointed me; | he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, | to heal the brokenhearted, | to proclaim liberty to the captives | and release to the prisoners, | to announce a year of favor from the LORD | and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, | in my God is the joy of my soul; |

for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation | and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, | like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, | like a bride bedecked with her jewels. | As the earth brings forth its plants, | and a garden makes its growth spring up, | so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise | spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Lk 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54



℣. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; | my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, | for he has looked upon his lowly servant. | From this day all generations will call me blessed:

℣. the Almighty has done great things for me, | and holy is his Name. | He has mercy on those who fear him | in every generation.

℣. He has filled the hungry with good things, | and the rich he has sent away empty. | He has come to the help of his servant Israel | for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

OR: GRADUAL Jn 1: 6-7 8 Lk 1: 17

**F**UIT homo missus a Deo cui nomen Ioánnes erat: hic venit. ℣. Ut testimónium perhibéret de lúmine, et paráre Dómino plebem perféctam.

**T**HERE was a man sent from God whose name was John; he came. ℣. To bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Thes 5: 16-24

**B**ROTHERS and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our

Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Is 61: 1 & Lk 4: 18

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

OR: ANCIENT ALLELUIA Ps 80 (79): 3

Excita, Dómine, potentiam tuam, Stir up your might, O Lord, and  
et veni, ut salvos fácias nos. come to save us.

GOSPEL Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

**A** MAN NAMED JOHN was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: “I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord*, as Isaiah the prophet said.” Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY CHANT Ps 85 (84): 2

**B**ENEDIXÍSTI, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivi- **O** LORD, you have blessed your land, you have put an

tátem Iacob: remisisti iniquitatem    end to Jacob's captivity; you have  
plebis tuæ.    forgiven the guilt of your people.

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avertísti captivitátem Iacob.    Jacob's captivity.

FIRST READING    Zep 3: 14-18a

**S**HOUT for joy, O daughter Zion! | Sing joyfully, O Israel! |  
Be glad and exult with all your heart, | O daughter Jeru-  
salem! | The LORD has removed the judgment against you |  
he has turned away your enemies; | the King of Israel, the LORD, is