

Order of Service, Readings, and Prayer

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2024

THE GATHERING

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"Light of Light"

The Choir

Responsive Litany by All

Pastor- Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of living.

Cong.- Lord of light, we thank you for the gift of life.

P. - Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of relationships.

C. Lord of light, we thank you for our friends and family.

P. Advent is a time to celebrate the earth we all share.

C. Lord of light, we thank you for providing for our needs.

P. Advent is a time to celebrate eternal life.

C. Lord of light, we thank you for sending a Savior

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Brecken Sutton

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Rev. Tim Kneuss

Children's Church

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****The Congregation will stand in reverence.***



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

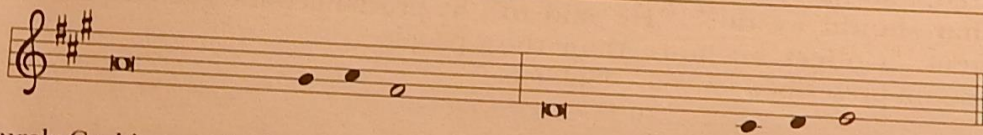
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵The LORD has taken away the
judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in
your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
¹⁶On that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your
midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud
singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach
for it.
¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into
praise
and renown in all the earth.
²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and
praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalmody

Isaiah 12:2-6; tone 3



Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not ¹be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength
and my might,
and has become ¹my salvation.
³With joy you ¹will draw water
from the wells ¹of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the LORD,
call ¹on God's name;
make known the deeds of the
LORD among the nations;
proclaim that this name
¹is exalted.

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Psalmody, continued

⁵Sing praises to the LORD,
who has done ¹ gloriously;
let this be known in
¹ all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy,
O ¹ royal Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy ¹ One of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers

also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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