



# St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

## The Third Sunday of Advent: Rite I

*Insert for Sunday, December 12th*

### Hymns For Sunday Mass

**Processional Hymn, #76:**

*"On Jordan's Bank"*

**Gospel Hymn, #59:**

*"Hark, A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"*

**Offertory Hymn, #438:**

*"Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness Of The Lord!"*

**The St. Andrew's Choir**

will perform a medley of

*"Here I am Lord" and "A Servants Song"*

**Recessional Hymn, #539:**

*"O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission"*

### The First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The 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 as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, 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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### *Psalm 85:7-13 (read responsively)*

7 Show us thy steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

*8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to him in their hearts.*

9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

***10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.***

11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

***12 Yea, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.***

13 Righteousness will go before him, and make his footsteps a way.

### **The Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

### **The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

***People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

John the Baptist said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits that befit repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our

father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the multitudes asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His 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." So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***People: Praise be to thee O Christ.***

### **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

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