

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY
December 12, 2021
Third Sunday in Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 12: 1-6 (CEB)

You will say on that day:
"God is indeed my salvation;
 I will trust and won't be afraid.
Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield;
 he has become my salvation."
You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.
And you will say on that day:
"Thank the Lord; call on God's name;
 proclaim God's deeds among the peoples;
 declare that God's name is exalted.
Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things;
 proclaim this throughout all the earth."
Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion,
 because the holy one of Israel is great among you.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-8, 10-14, 16 Common English Bible

Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same." Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He replied, "Collect no more than you are authorized to collect." Soldiers asked, "What about us? What should we do?" He answered, "Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay." John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."