

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Is 61: 1 &amp; 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 Mt 11: 2-11

**W**HEN JOHN THE BAPTIST heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: | *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; | he will prepare your way before you.* | Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

OFFERTORY CHANT Ps 85 (84): 2

**B**ENEDIXÍSTI, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitatem Iacob: remisísti iniquitatem plebis tuæ. **O**LORD, you have blessed your land, you have put an end to Jacob’s captivity; you have forgiven the guilt of your people.

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 sollíciti sitis: sed in oratióne petitiónes vestræ innotéscant apud Deum. *ŷ.* Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitatem 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. *ŷ.* 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; |