

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - A

We know that Jesus has come as the Savior of Israel and the world, because he does the works of God that fulfill the messianic prophecies. Grant us wisdom to see your purpose so we may prepare the way for the Lord's coming, bringing light into darkness.

Collect:

We thank you, Father, for the word of grace and promise proclaimed to us by prophets and apostles, and for the ministry of Christ which fulfills that word. Grant to us the wisdom to see you at work in our lives, and the power to be at work in Christ-like ways in the lives of others; through Jesus the Messiah.

Scripture Lessons and Related Music

PSALM: Ps. 146:5-10 The Lord comes to the aid of those in need as he exercises his rule over all people.

Hymns:

275	<i>Faithful Soul, Behold Your King</i>
754	<i>When Peace, Like a River</i>

Anthems:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	M. Haugen	SATB, cantor; GIA G-3339; Guitar; 1988	
<i>Happy the Poor in Spirit</i>	Porter, Thomas	SATB; GIA G-3354; Guitar, C instrument; 1990	
<i>He is Our King</i>	K. Davis	SATB, Sop. solo; Flammer A 5007; 1967	
<i>Praise the Lord, My Soul</i>	P. Lisicky	SATB; World Library Pub. 7742; Guitar, 2 trumpets; 1988	
<i>Praise the Lord, O My Soul</i>	J. Rutter	SATB; OXF 330, Opt. Brass; 1981	
<i>Praise Ye the Lord</i>	G. Telemann, Arr. W. Depue	3-pt.; Studio 224 (CPP/Belwin) SV8926	
<i>A Round of Praise</i>	D. Wagner	Unison, 2-pt.; CGA-208	
<i>A Song of Hope</i>	R. Haan	Unison; AMSI 280; 1975	
<i>You Shall Be My Witnesses</i>	J. Chepponis	2-pt; GIA G-2543, Opt. Flute; 1982	

Organ Repertoire:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Hymn Ref.</u>
<i>Lobe Den Herren</i>	P. Manz; (<i>Ten Chorale Improvisations, vol. 3</i>); Concordia 97-4950; 1970	530

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LBW – Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; NCH – New Century Hymnal, 1995; WOV –With One Voice (Augsburg Fortress)

Diff.: E - Easy, M - Medium, D - Difficult, C - Suitable as a Children's anthem

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35: 1-10 The Lord will save the redeemed, those who walk the way of holiness, when he comes in all his kingdom splendor.

Hymns:

256	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice Believers</i>
257	<i>The King Shall Come</i>
262	<i>Come, O Long-Expected Jesus</i>
263	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>
302	<i>Lo, How a Rose is Growing</i>
544	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore You</i>
667	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>
789	<i>Children of the Heav'nly King</i>
LBW 401	<i>Before You Lord, We Bow</i>
NCH 612	<i>Strengthen All the Weary Hands</i>
WOV 633	<i>Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn</i>

Anthems:

Title	Comp./Arr.	Details	Diff.
<i>The Desert Shall Rejoice</i>	F. Pooler	SATB; Walton 295; 1963	
<i>The Wilderness</i>	S. Wesley	SATB; Novello/Wagner c-5679	
<i>Confortamini (Be Ye Comforted)</i>	O. DiLasso	SATB; Concordia 98-2422; 1979	
<i>Ecce Dominus</i>	G. Near	(<i>Two Motets, No. 2, Aureole, ed.</i>); SATB; Paraclete Press AC 59; 1992	

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Es Ist Ein Ros	J. Brahms; (<i>Samtliche Orgelwerke</i>); Breitkopf 6062; 1927	302

SECOND LESSON: James 5:7-10 Be patient, and be faithful to your calling, for the Lord is coming!

Hymns:

185	<i>The Advent of our God</i>
272	<i>Fling Wide the Door</i>
LBW 23	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>
WOV 629	<i>All Earth is Hopeful</i>

Anthems:

Title	Comp./Arr.	Details	Diff.
<i>An Advent Carol</i>	J. Lindh	Unison; Choristers GuildG CGA 648; 1993	

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<i>Wie Soll Ich Dich Empfangen</i> or <i>Crueger</i>	E. Pepping; (<i>Grosses Orgelbuch, vol. 1</i>); Schott 3729; 1969	
<i>Wie Soll Ich Dich Empfangen</i> or <i>Crueger</i>	H. Walcha; (<i>Choralvorspiele, vol. 3</i>); Litolf/Peters 5999; 1966	

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:2-11 John the Baptist asks if Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus replies by pointing to the works that he is doing in fulfillment of the prophecies of Hebrew Scripture. God sent John the Baptist a messenger to prepare the way for the coming of Christ.

Hymns:

264	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>
266	<i>People in Darkness Are Looking for Light</i>
267	<i>On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry</i>
380	<i>God, Whose Almighty Word</i>
LBW 556	<i>Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment</i>
NCH 107	<i>Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn</i>

Anthems:

Title	Comp./Arr.	Details	Diff.
<i>Alleluia Verses for Advent – Advent III</i>	M. Krentz	SAB; AFP 11-2564; 1991	
<i>Behold, I Send My Messenger</i>	H. Willan	SA; CPA 97-7160; 1962	
<i>Four Verse Settings for Advent</i>	R. Wienhorst	SATB; CPH 98-2587; handbells; 1983	
<i>Go and Tell John</i>	L. Fleming	SATB; AFP 11-10282; 1983	
<i>Go and Tell John</i>	L. Pfautsch	(<i>Choirbook for Saints and Sinners</i>); 3-pt.; Hope 939; Percussion; 1980	
<i>Hosanna in the Highest</i>	R. Frey	SATB; AMS 177; 1970	
<i>Siche, ich sende meinen Engel (Behold I send to you my Angel)</i>	M. Vulpius	SATB; Presser 312-41612; 1992	
<i>Song of the Risen One</i>	D. Haas	SATB; GIA G-333; 1988	
<i>Verse/Advent III</i>	R. Wetzler	(<i>Verses and Offertories Advent I – The Baptism of our Lord</i>); SATB; Augsburg Fortress Press 11-9541; Handbells; 1979	

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<i>Freu Dich Sehr (Geneva)</i>	G. Böhm; (<i>Samtliche Werke, vol. 2</i>); Breitkopf & Hartel 6635	264
	E. Erbe; (<i>Seventeen Organ Chorales</i> , Boeringer, ed.); Brodt; 1983	
	G. Walther; (<i>Orgelchorale</i> , Brodde, ed.); Barenreiter 379; 1968	
<i>Puer Nobis Nascitur</i>	J. Dandrieu; (<i>Noels, vol. 3; L'organiste liturgique 19-20</i>); Paris: Schola Cantorum	
	N. Lebegue; (<i>Noels varies; Orgue et Liturgie 16</i>); Paris: Schola Cantorum; 1952	

Other Music Suitable for the Day

Hymns:

Anthems:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	T. Giesclen	Giesclen; (<i>Three Songs of Praise for Children</i>); Unison or 2-pt.; CPH 98-2623; handbells	C

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Creative Ideas

OTHER ENRICHMENT FOR WORSHIP: