

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C

*Christ is coming and God's people are invited to experience a time of celebration.*

### Collects:

Accept our prayer today, O Lord, and grant that we may listen to the call of your messengers to prepare the way for your Son and receive him into our lives, in order that we may become your children. Amen.

We desire the courage to call what is wrong, evil, and to lift up the ethical standards the world ignores. But give us the sweet reasonableness to encourage those who are trying to live the Christian life, and never to cease rejoicing in the good things you give us. Amen.

### **Scripture Lessons and Related Music**

**CANTICLE: Isaiah 12:2-6 God's followers will sing a song of praise, be thankful, and worship him because he has saved them**

#### Hymns

272	<i>Fling Wide the Door</i>
537	<i>Sing Praise to God</i>
548	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>
565	<i>Ye Servants of God</i>
616	<i>The Springs of Salvation</i>
769	<i>God Is My Strong Salvation</i>

#### Anthems

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>Cry Out and Shout</i>	Knut Nystedt	SSATB, Summy Birchard 1574, 1956	M
<i>O Sing All Ye Redeemed from Adam's Fall</i>	Georg Gottfried Müller	SATB, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1497, Instrumental Ensemble/Organ, 1996	D
<i>The First Song of Isaiah</i>	Jack N. White	SATB, H.W. Gray CMR3347, opt. Guitar, handbells, percussion, choral movement, 1976	E

#### Organ Repertoire

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major*, Dietrich Buxtehude, Hansen edition Volume II No. 18

**FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20 It is time for God's people to celebrate because his promise of victory over sorrow is now a reality.**

**Hymns**

275	<i>Faithful Soul, Behold Your King</i>
276	<i>Veiled in Darkness Judah Lay</i>
UMH89, 261	<i>Lord of the Dance</i>

**Anthems**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Comp./Arr.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
<i>And the Father Will Dance</i>	Mark Hayes	Various voicings, Hinshaw, HMC-637	
<i>Sing and Rejoice O Zion *</i>	Geisler	SSAB, Boosey & Hawkes 5652	M
<i>Sing and Rejoice O Zion</i>	Powell	2 part mixed, Flammer EA-5020	E

**Solo**

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion*, Handel, (*Messiah*), Soprano

**Organ Repertoire**

*Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein* (*Now rejoice all together, dear Christians*), J. S. Bach *Orgelwerke Volume VII* (Peters and Kalmus)

**SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-7 The Lord's followers are encouraged to rejoice, pray with thanksgiving, and receive God's blessing of peace because they belong to Christ Jesus.**

**Hymns**

548	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>
592	<i>I've Got Peace like a River</i>
594	<i>Bliss Beyond Compare</i>
596	<i>What Splendid Rays of Truth and Grace</i>
710	<i>Peace, Perfect Peace</i>
712	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>
718	<i>Whatever God Ordains Is Right</i>
745	<i>O Lord, Hear My Prayer</i>
754	<i>When Peace, Like a River</i>
786	<i>Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!</i>

**Anthem**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Comp./Arr.</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>Diff.</u></b>
<i>Blessing</i>	Natalie Sleeth	Unison, Choristers Guild A-145, Opt. Fl.	OC
<i>Rejoice in the Lord</i>	Anonymous	SATB, Oxford 43.243	D
<i>Rejoice in the Lord</i>	Jeffery Rickard	SATB, Augsburg 11-1631	D
<i>Rejoice in the Lord Alway</i>	Henry Purcell	SAB, E.C. Schirmer 157	M
		or SATB, Concordia, Opt. Strings	MD
<i>The peace of God</i>	John Horman	SA, Choristers Guild CGA 394, harp & organ, 1987	OC

**Solo**

*Song of Devotion*; John Ness Beck; G. Schirmer, Inc

**Organ Repertoire**

*In Dir Ist Freude (In Thee Is Joy)*; J. S. Bach; (*Orgelbüchlein*)

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:7-18 John the Baptist preaches the message of repentance to prepare people for the coming of Christ, the Messiah, who is more powerful than he is.**

**Hymns**

266	<i>People in Darkness Are Looking for Light</i>
267	<i>On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry</i>
269	<i>How Shall I Meet My Saviour</i>

**Anthems:**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Comp./Arr.</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>Diff.</u></b>

**Organ Repertoire**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Comp./Arr.</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
<i>Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist (Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit)</i>	J. S. Bach	shorter version in <i>Orgelbüchlein</i> ; extended version in <i>Orgelwerke Vol. VII</i> (Peters and Kalmus)

## Other Music Suitable for the Day

### Hymns


### Anthems

Title	Comp./Arr.	Details	Diff.
<i>Three Advent Chorales</i>	Cruger	SATB, Concordia 98-2114, 2 obbligato instruments, 1972	ME

### Organ Repertoire

Title	Comp./Arr.	Details	Hymn Ref.
<i>Azmon</i>	James Engel	( <i>Concordia Hymn Prelude Series, Vol. 20</i> ); Concordia 97-5711	548; MH69: 216
<i>Bremen (Wer nur den lieben Gott)</i>	Georg Boehm	( <i>The Church Organist's Golden Treasury, Vol. 3</i> ); Oliver Ditson	712; MH69: 544
<i>Lyons</i>	William Thomas Best	( <i>Incognita Organo, Vol. 13</i> ); Harmonia 3289	565; MH69: 223
<i>Macht hoch die Tür</i>	Jan Bender	( <i>The Parish Organist, Vol. 5</i> ); Concordia 97-1382	272
<i>Marion</i>	Emma Lou Diemer	( <i>With Praise and Love</i> ); Sacred Music Press KK269	786; MH69: 217
<i>Mit freuden zart</i>	Hans Friederich Micheelsen	( <i>Concordia Hymn Prelude Series, Vol. 11</i> ); Concordia 97-5618	537; MH69: 167
<i>Puer nobis</i>	Thomas Gieschen	( <i>Laudate</i> ); Concordia 97-6487	267
<i>Seelenbräutigam</i>	Gerhard Krapf	( <i>In Christian Love</i> ); Sacred Music Press KK435	594; MH69: 370
<i>Springs of Salvation</i>	Margaret Vardell Sandresky	( <i>The Organ Music of Margaret Vardell Sandresky, Vol. 1</i> ) Wayne Leupold Editions;	616; MH69: 271
<i>Was Gott tun, das ist wohlgetan</i>	Johann Pachelbel	( <i>Selected Organ Works, Vol. 4</i> ); Belwin Mills	718; MH69: 549

### Creative Ideas

Use liturgical dance in conjunction with the Zephaniah reading

### OTHER ENRICHMENT FOR WORSHIP:

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MH 69 - Hymnal of the Moravian Church, 1969; UMH89 - United Methodist Hymnal 1989;

OT - Old Testament

Diff.: E - Easy, M - Medium, D - Difficult, OC - Suitable for Older Children