**Sunday 13th December 2015**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

S GILES-IN-READING

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Hymns: ***The English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Plainsong*

Motet: *Behold a rose is blooming.*

Entrance Hymn: *255* Offertory Hymn: *241*

Communion Hymns: *133 & 517* Recessional Hymn: *684*

Voluntary: *Toccata and fugue Op 59 No 5&6. - Reger.*

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**Psalter Week 3**

**Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekday Readings: Year 2.**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Monday

14 December

Tuesday

15 December

Wednesday

16 December

Thursday

17 December

Friday

18 December

Saturday

19 December

**Sunday**

**20 December**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

S John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

No Services

Tuesday of the third week of Advent

09.00 Mattins

17.30 Evensong

18.00 Low Mass

Wednesday of the third week of Advent

10.00 Mattins

10.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Thursday of the third week of Advent

09.00 Mattins

18.30 Evensong

19.00 Low Mass

Friday of the third week of Advent

11.00 Mattins

11.30 Bible Study

12.30 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

Saturday of the third week of Advent

09.30 Mattins

10.00 Low Mass

16.30 Evensong

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass &**

 **Sunday School**

**16.00 Carol Service**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

**NOTICES & EVENTS**

*We welcome any visitors here this morning and hope that you will stay for refreshments after the service.*

**Bed for a Night volunteers needed!**Once again this year we will be helping with sheltering the homeless in Reading during the coldest period of winter.   If you are able to help one night a week with food and other assistance, please talk to the clergy.

Our annual **Christmas luncheon** will be on **Sunday 20 December**, following the Sunday mass.  Once again we will be going to Great Expectations (appropriate given the season!), the menus will be available this Sunday.  Two courses £20, three courses £24.

**Christmas Lessons and Carols** will be held on Sunday 20 December at 16.00.  Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.  All Welcome!

*If you have any notices that require adding to the sheet, please contact Anne or Geoff Canterbury at canterbury@ntlworld.com or 0118 961 0525 by Wednesday of the previous week.*

**Sunday 13th December 2015**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.***

**COLLECT**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,

enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING** (Zephaniah 3: 14-18)

*A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** (Psalm Isaiah 12)

**Response:** ***Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.***

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (Philippians 4: 4-7)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so

much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.***

***He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Luke 3: 10-18)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

When all the people asked John, "What must we do?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them,

"Exact no more than your rate," Some soldiers asked him in their turn, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!" A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly,

to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***