

Third Sunday in Advent

Year B

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LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Suggested ReClaim texts

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:6-8, 19-28



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, hear our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 1:6-8,19-28

Lord Jesus, we boast of our modern communication, yet you stand among us still as one unknown. Restore to your church the clarion voice of John, that we may fearlessly and joyfully announce the meaning of your birth and coming for our world today. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, let the brightness of your glory shine upon us, and the light of your light illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit to establish the hearts of all who have been born anew by your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty God, to know you is life eternal. Grant us to know your Son, Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life that, following in his steps, we may faithfully walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HUMILITY

Gracious Father, may we, like your Son, walk before you all our days in true humility and not be puffed up with the haughtiness of the world, but in all lowliness be partakers in your humble coming. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in faithfulness and freedom, and know your peace, especially in these times. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Impart the grace and help of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to all who minister your Word, that they may teach it in its purity to the salvation of all who hear. And bring to nothing the counsel of those who fear your Word and would destroy it, that we may live in peace, learn the riches of your Word, and serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. Amen.
