

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**



**ASCENSION**

**First Reading** Isaiah 35:1-10

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**CANTICLE 18, BAS (LUKE 1:47-55)**

**REFRAIN** My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. R

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. R

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. R

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. R

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

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**Deuxième Lecture** Jacques 5:7-10

**LECTURE DU LIVRE DES JACQUES**

Soyez donc patients, frères jusqu'à l'avènement du Seigneur. Voici, le laboureur attend le précieux fruit de la terre, prenant patience à son égard, jusqu'à ce qu'il ait reçu les pluies de la première et de l'arrière-saison. Vous aussi, soyez patients, affermissez vos coeurs, car l'avènement du Seigneur est proche. Ne vous plaignez pas les uns des autres, frères, afin que vous ne soyez pas jugés: voici, le juge est à la porte. Prenez, mes frères, pour modèles de souffrance et de patience les prophètes qui ont parlé au nom du Seigneur.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse

**Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.**

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**Gospel Matthew 11:2-11**

**God be with you.**

All: And also with you.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.**

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then 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, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

**The Gospel of Christ!**

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!