

Week of the Third Sunday of Advent 2025

Date:	December 15, 2025 (Monday) [Year 2]	
Theme:	Joy	
Collect:	Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.	
Psalm:	Morning: 41, 52	Evening: 44
1st Lesson:	Zechariah 1:7-17	
2nd Lesson:	Revelation 3:7-13	
3rd Lesson:	Matthew 24:15-31	

Reflection:

Morning Psalm 41

A tale of the reciter who is happy because of the healing that the Lord performed on him to restore his health. In this Psalm the term “Enemy” seem to refer to the illness and the loneliness he felt when his friends appear to have abandoned him.

Morning Psalm 52

This Psalm starts off with admonishment to the tyrant and wicked, but that the reciter trusts in the mercy of God all the time.

Evening Psalm 44

Psalm 44 starts off with reminiscence of the past great deliverance and victories by God, but now the enemies have now overpowered them, and this feels like rejection and humiliation by God. Their reminiscence turns into lamentation of the current state of being. The Psalm ends with request to do something... “for the sake of your steadfast love.” (v 26).

Zechariah 1: 7-17

Zechariah was a prophet at the same time as Haggai, but Zechariah’s oracles are with dramatic visions – a man riding on a red horse along with other horses to patrol the earth and predict that the Lord’s house will be rebuilt in Jerusalem and it will overflow with prosperity.

Revelation 3: 7-13

The Sixth letter is to Philadelphia. So far there is no bad things said about this church but they “have kept my word and have not denied my name.” Command is to “hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.” The promise is that they will be made a pillar in God’s temple, and on it the name of “my God”, and the name of the city of God, the new Jerusalem, and “my own new name” will be written.

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Matthew 24: 15-31

Here Jesus continues with talking about what will happen in the end time, with one of the most dramatic ending and his second coming. Worth the read from beginning to the end!

When the predictions by prophet Daniel begins to appear, the task for those in Judea is to not turn back but flee to the mountains. And don't believe the rumors of the appearance of Messiah. I believe "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" means that it will be obvious and everyone will know (no one has to 'tell' you that he is here).

This week's Collect says, "Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;"; and I also pray that with great might that Jesus would come among us.

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