

Third Sunday of Advent

(Zephaniah 3.14-18, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.10-18)

THEME: Rejoice, for Your Redeemer is near.

This weekend we come to the third Sunday of Advent. The readings of this Sunday, brings us **good news** from God. For God is asking us not to be afraid, for our Lord Jesus is coming in our midst to renew our lives again in His love. That our God is coming as a warrior to fight our battles for us. He is coming in our lives to shame our enemies by lifting us up again in His glory and joy.

The Psalms of today, encourages us to shout aloud and sing for joy, for the one coming in our midst, is the Holy One of God. He is our trust and our Salvation, with trust and joy, we shall draw living water from Him to revive our broken spirits.

St. Paul, through the second reading says, "Rejoice in the Lord always: Again I will say, Rejoice let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God." (Phil.4:4-6)

In the gospel, John the Baptist, reminds us what to do, to welcome the Messiah with joy; "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." (Lk. 3:10-13)

So, dear friends, let us be happy and rejoice, for our Redeemer is near. He is coming to save us from our sins. Our Lord Jesus is coming in our midst and in our lives to lift us up in His grace. He is coming to renew our lives, marriages, and families again with love and happiness. Let, us not live in fear again, for our Saviour Jesus Christ, is coming to make our lives better again.