

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

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Zephaniah 3:14–18a † Philippians 4:4–7 † Luke 3:10–18



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During the Season of Advent, the Scripture readings give us “play by play” instructions to continue in our Advent journey:

The first reading: “He will rejoice over your gladness and renew you in his love.”

The responsorial psalm: “Cry out with joy and gladness.”

The second reading: “Have no anxiety at all but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.”

Gospel: “...should share with the person who has none.”

John the Baptist continues to give direction to the crowds when asked, “What should we do?” During this third week of Advent, we are called to give of ourselves not only with material gifts but also spiritual gifts. We have been given the “play.” John the Baptist also lets the crowds know that he is not the One by saying, “but one mightier than I is coming.” Let us continue to prepare to welcome the mighty One—the Messiah is near!