

SERMON NOTES

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C * December 12, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Zephaniah 3:14-20 * Canticle 9, BCP 86 * Philippians 4:4-7 *

Luke 3:7-18

Anxious?

“Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us.”

Third Sunday of Advent, BCP 212

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

Zephaniah 3:17

Surely it is God who saves me. I will trust in him and NOT be afraid.

Canticle 9, First Song of Isaiah, BCP 86

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, ...

... and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Next Week's Lessons

Micah 5:2-5a * Canticle 15, BCP 91 * Hebrews 10:5-10 * Luke 1:39-55

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What's something good that happened to you in the past week?
2. What's something you're grateful for in your life right now?
3. What's something you're anxious or concerned about in your life right now?
4. What would you like God to do about what you just mentioned?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for those good things you mentioned.
 - ✦ Asking God to do what you described in #4 above.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.