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(Rose, Blue or Purple)

## The Introit **Philippians 4: 4-6; Psalm 85**

TONE III



### Antiphon:

Rejoice in the Lord al-ways; \*  
again I will say, Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. \*  
The Lord is near.

Do not worry a-bout anything, \*  
but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

### Psalm:

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

[4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.]

### Gloria Patri:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son↓, and to the Holy Spirit \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of ages. Amen

### Repeat Antiphon

### The Kyrie, No Gloria

### The Collect

Incline your ears to our prayer, O Lord, and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of your coming; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

### The Old Testament: Baruch 4:36-5:9

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in

glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

## The Gradual **Psalm 80**

R-8-P



**1b** Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. \*  
Stir up your strength and come to save us Q Lord.

**1a** Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, \*  
leading Joseph like a flock;

## The Epistle: **Philippians 4:4-7**

Brethren: 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 requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## The Alleluia:

Psalm 80:3



Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be sayed. Alleluia

## The Gospel: John 1:19-28

At that time the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask John “Who are you?” He confessed, but did not deny it, but confessed ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

## The Offertory    Psalm 85:    Tone VII



- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

### The Prayer over the Gifts:

O Lord, may we faithfully offer this sacrifice to you, that in these Holy Mysteries you instituted for us, you may continue to wonderfully work your salvation in us; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

### The Preface of Advent

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

**or**

### The Preface of the Holy Trinity

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation,  
that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you,  
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

Who with your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord; not in the unity of a single person, but in the Trinity of a single nature.

For that which we believe on your revelation concerning your glory, that same we believe of your Son, that same we believe of the Holy Spirit, without any difference.

So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, we shall adore the Persons as distinct, their unity in being, and their equality in majesty.

This the angels the cherubim and the seraphim do praise; day by day they cry out unceasingly saying as with voice:...

### **The Third Sunday in Advent**

*Priest:* May Almighty God look upon you with a tender countenance, and pour upon you the gift of His benediction.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May He, Who has sanctified this season through the Incarnation of His only-begotten Son, set you free from all adversity in this present life, and in the life of the World to come.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May you who rejoice, with heartfelt devotion, in the Advent of our Incarnate Redeemer, may be enriched with the rewards of eternal life, when, at His second Advent, He shall return in majesty.

*People:* Amen

*Priest:* May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

*Priest:* The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

**The Communion:** *Isaiah 35:4*

*Tone VII*



**4** Say to those who are of a fearful heart, \*  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. \*  
He will come and save you.'

**The Postcommunion:**

O Lord, we ask of your mercy that, by these holy mysteries, we may be cleansed of all our sin, and be spiritually prepared for the coming festal season; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*