

The background is a dark, circular stained glass window. In the center, a white dove is depicted with its wings spread, set against a backdrop of red and yellow glass. The dove is surrounded by a circular pattern of red and yellow glass. In the bottom corners, there are two four-pointed stars, one in red and one in white, set against a background of red and orange glass. The text is overlaid on this background.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Year C*

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

I will save the lame and gather the  
outcast, and I will change their shame  
into praise and renown in all the earth.

Zephaniah 3:19b

Jesus Heals the Lame  
in the Temple

Amiens Cathedral  
Amiens, France



With joy you will draw water from  
the wells of salvation ...

Isaiah 12:3



Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O  
royal Zion, for great in your  
midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12:6

Annunciation to the  
Shepherds

Les Tres Riches Heures  
du duc de Berry  
Musée Condé  
Chantilly, France



Annunciation to the  
Shepherds

Unidentified Filipino  
Artist  
Manilla Cathedral  
Philippines



THE WAY OF JOY

II. The Annunciation to the Shepherds  
by an Angel (Luke 2:8-12)



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

Philippians 4:7

Paz y Bien  
(Peace and  
Good Will)

Mexico City,  
Mexico



John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him ... "Bear fruits worthy of repentance."

Luke 3:7a, 8a



John the Baptist Preaching and Baptizing -- Keur Moussa Abbey, Senegal

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

Luke 3:11b

St. Martin as WW1  
soldier tearing his  
cloak to give to a  
person in need

Ampleforth Abbey,  
England



Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

Luke 3:12



The Preaching of John the Baptist -- Domenico Ghirlandaio, Santa Maria Novella, Florence, Italy



He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

Luke 3:13



Payment of the Tithe, or, the Tax Collector -- Workshop of Pieter Bruegel the Younger

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation ..."

Luke 3:14

John the Baptist  
Preaching

Francesco  
Zuccarelli,  
Kelvingrove  
Gallery, Glasgow,  
Scotland



the people were filled with  
expectation ... questioning in their  
hearts concerning John, whether  
he might be the Messiah,

Luke 3:15ac

John the Baptist

Lorenzo Scott  
Smithsonian Museum of  
American Art  
Washington, DC



John answered ... "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

Luke 3:16a

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:16b





Holy Spirit -- St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, England

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