

Sunday 12th December @ 10am

Readings

Zephaniah 3 14-end

Philippians 4 4-7

Luke 3 7-18

Collect for The Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week Give God The Glory

John the Baptist could have entertained hopes of a high-profile ministry in Jerusalem. He could have taken the crowd's messianic suggestion seriously (Luke 3:15). He could have . . .

But he remained loyal to his God-given mission. And God rewarded him, with the honour of baptizing Jesus.

God alone knows what may be our reward if we, in our turn, remain faithful to our calling, doing the work we have been called to do and fitted for doing, and not muscling in on someone else's mission (John 21:22).