



# Third Sunday of Advent

*Year B*

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

or Luke 1:46b-55

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28



For I the LORD love justice ...

Isaiah 61:8a



"Sustainability" -- Building mural, Adelaide, Australia

For as ... a garden causes what is  
sown in it to spring up,

Isaiah 61:11a

Working in the  
Garden

Carl Massmann  
before 1929



... so the Lord GOD will cause  
righteousness and praise to  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11b





Hands Across the Globe -- Truthseeker Digital Commons

Then our mouth was filled with  
laughter, and our tongue with  
shouts of joy ...

Psalm 126:2a





Shining Hope -- Lauren Wright Pittman

Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,

Psalm 126:6a

Grief

Mural in the  
Mission District  
San Francisco, CA





shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6b



Grain Harvest -- Federigo Rossano

Rejoice always,  
pray without ceasing,  
give thanks ... for this is the will  
of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16, 17, 18a





Coptic Praise and Prayer Orans figures from Bawit, Egypt -- Louvre Museum, Paris

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior ..."

Luke 1:46b, 47



The Magnificat on Silk

Frank Wesley





Mary of the Magnificat

Antonello da Messina  
National Museum,  
Palermo, Italy



There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John.

John 1:6, 7a



John the Baptist

Mosaic,  
Hagia Sophia  
Istanbul, Turkey





He came as a witness to testify to  
the light, so that all might believe  
through him.

John 1:7

Light from the Dome

Oscar Niemeyer  
Brasilia Cathedral  
Brasilia, Brazil



He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

John 1:8





Advent Candle

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