

# 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14th December 2025 – Cycle A GAUDETE WHERE GOD LEAVES HIS MARK





#### **SETTING**

They heal, words that uplift, kindnesses that make no noise. Today the Word invites us to look at life with eyes of hope. Even though at times the world seems like a desert and our stories become burdensome, God continues to draw near discreetly, making bloom what we thought was lost. Jesus answers our doubts by showing concrete signs of life: gestures that...In this Advent, we are asked to pause for a moment: be silent and listen. Listen to the Word, listen to life, listen to what God whispers to you in secret. And from there, step outside yourself, your haste, your fears, to also be a sign of hope. Less complaining, more caring; less indifference, more commitment to those who suffer. Let us open our hearts to the God who comes without noise and invites us to proclaim with our lives that hope is still alive.

# CANTO. CONSOLAD - CORO DE CVX JÓVENES SANTIAGO DE CHILE

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#### GOSPEL - Mathew 11, 2-11

"John, who was in prison, heard about the works of Christ, so he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." Once the messengers had left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "When you went out into the wilderness, what did you go out to see? A reed swayed by the wind? What did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? Those who wear fine clothes live in palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, and more than a prophet, I tell you. This is the man about whom it is written: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

## What does the Word tell us today? (Marie-Noëlle THABUT)

**Is 35. 1-6a. 10.** The memory of the wonders God performed during the Exodus is the foundation of the hope of the prophets and psalmists. The Lord will manifest himself again: not in a spectacular way, but rather to heal all of humanity.

**Psalm 145:6-10.** Litany of the oppressed, the afflicted, the vulnerable who ceaselessly proclaim their trust in God.

**James 5:7-10.** Between God's first coming and his second, there is a time of hope filled with patience and perseverance, which continually resurfaces, even in the deepest trials.

Mt 11, 2-11. Last Sunday, the Gospel presented us with John the Baptist baptizing in the Jordan all those who came to him. John the Baptist recognized in Jesus the Messiah whom everyone awaited. Months passed. John the Baptist was imprisoned by order of Herod. From this moment on, Jesus truly began to preach. But for a prophet, Jesus was not exactly an ascetic! John the Baptist was, and everyone admired at least this quality of his. Surely, in prison, John the Baptist heard about what was happening outside: it must be remembered that in prisons of that time, relations were not, in principle, inhumane. One can imagine, then, that the disciples kept him informed of the events and actions of Jesus of Nazareth. To such an extent that John the Baptist began to question Jesus: "Have I mistaken the Messiah?" John decided to send his disciples to Jesus to ask him a question: "Are you the Messiah, yes or no?" To John the Baptist's question, Jesus neither answers ves nor no. Rather, he quotes the prophecies that everyone knew, including John the Baptist. Jesus tells him: "See for yourself if what I am doing is right." This is equivalent to saying: "Yes, I am the Messiah, the true Son of God. You are not mistaken. But if my actions surprise or shock you, it is because you still have to discover the true face of God...a God with human beings and at the service of humanity."

#### Clues for prayer

- -What messiah do I hope to find? Which messiah do I follow?
- -Share your discoveries with Jesus Christ.
- -In our parish, our community, which messiah do we follow?



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#### THE TOUCH THAT AWAKENS LIFE

Lord, touch our lives as you do, without fanfare, without imposing, leaving in each wound a trace of life that allows us to begin again.

Open our ears to hear what we never heed, what haste silences, what weariness buries.

Awaken our dormant words, so that we may speak what heals, what encourages, what makes a different future possible.

Make us look at the everyday with tenderness, discovering your presence in the small things that gentle strength that makes the cold tremble and sustains the fragile.

May we learn to walk without fear,

to place one foot after the other, to trust even when we doubt, because your hand continues to guide our path.

If joy fades, ignite within us a breath, an unexpected laugh, a sprout of hope born in the midst of the mud.

Teach us to step outside ourselves, to see others as a path, to let their stories touch us and make us companions in their loneliness.

And when the night seems longest, whisper to us, nothing is lost, that you continue to do everything right, resurrecting what dies, and sowing life wherever we let you in.

### CANTO, LUISPO – VENDRÁ

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