

## Readings 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

### The Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-8

40:1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

40:2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

40:5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

40:7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

### The Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

4:4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

## The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-10 (11)

**11:2** Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

**11:3** And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

**11:4** Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

**11:5** The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

**11:6** And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

**11:7** And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

**11:8** But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

**11:9** But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

**11:10** For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

**11:11** Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.