

# Forth Sunday of Advent December 23rd 2018

## Psalm 111

### The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-19

18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

18:17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

### The Epistle Reading Philipians 4:4-7

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### The Holy Gospel John 1:19-28

**1:19** And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

**1:20** And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

**1:21** And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

**1:22** Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

**1:23** He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

**1:24** And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

**1:25** And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

**1:26** John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

**1:27** He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

**1:28** These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

111:2 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

111:3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

111:4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

111:5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

111:6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

111:7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

111:8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.