Third Sunday of Advent
Year A

Isaiah 35:1-10 • Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 • James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom...

Isaiah 35:1ab
John the Baptist in the Wilderness
Hieronymus Bosch
Museum of Lazaro Galdiano
Madrid, Spain
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Isaiah 35:5
Healing the Sick -- Ulrich Henn, St. James Cathedral, Seattle, WA
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing...

Isaiah 35:10a
Ethiopian Orthodox Choir -- Paint on stretched leather
...come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads...

Isaiah 35:1ab
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Gotthardt Kuehl
...hope is in the LORD...who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Psalm 146:7a
The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow...
Widow Costard's cow and goods, distrained for taxes, are redeemed by the generosity of Johnny Pearmain.

Edward Penney
Yale Center for British Art
"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

Luke 1:46b-47
The Annunciation -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

Jacopo da Pontormo, Chiesa da Santa Felicita, Florence, Italy
Annunciation -- Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art
Annunciation to Mary

L. O. Fakeye, photo of carved panel from National Archives College Park, MD
Madonna of the Magnificat -- Botticelli, Uffizi, Florence, Italy
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

James 5:7
the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

Matthew 11:5
Jesus Cures the Man Born Blind

JESUS MAFA
Cameroon
Healing of the Leper

Basilica of St. Francis of the Leper
Caninde, Brazil
Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11
John the Baptist

Aleksandr Ivanov
Tretyakov Gallery
Moscow, Russia
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