

¶ *The thirde sonday [in Advent]\*.*

*Cum invoca rem.* Psalm iv.

HEARE me when I call, o God of my ryghteousnes : thou hast set me at libertie when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and herken unto my prayer.

O ye sonnes of menne, howe long will ye blaspheme myne honor? and have such pleasure in vanitie, and seke after easing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himselfe the manne that is godly : when I call upon the Lord, he will heare me.

Stande in awe, and synne not : common with your owne hearte, and in youre chambre, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousnes : and put your trust in the Lorde.

There be many that will saye: who wyll shewe us any good?

Lorde lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladnes in mine heart : sence the tyme that their corne and wyne, (and oyle) increased.

I will lay me downe in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lorde, onely, that makest me to dwell in safetie.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever &c.

*The Gospel. Matt. xi.*

WHEN John beeyng in pryson hearde the workes of Christe he sente two of his disciples, and sayed unto hym; Art thou he that shall come? or doe we looke for another? Jesus aunswered and sayd unto them: Goe and shewe John agayne what ye have hearde and seen: The blynde receive their sight, the lame walke, the Lepers are censed, and the deafe heare, the dead aryse up, and the poore receyve the gladde tydinges of the gospel, and happy is he that is not offended by me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the people concernyng John; What went ye out into the wildernes to see? A rede that is shaken with the wynde? Or what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft rayment? behold, they that weare soft clothing, are in kinges houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophete? verely I saye unto you, and more then a Prophete. For this is he of whom it is wrytten, beholde, I sende my messenger before thy face, whiche shall prepare thy waye before thee.