

## Second Sunday in Advent

Year B

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### LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

Suggested ReClaim texts

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
Colossians 1:9-14  
John 1:1-5



### COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son, so that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)

#### ON THE RCL GOSPEL READING • Mark 1:1-8

Gracious Lord, stir up your church to repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and prepare for us the highway of your arrival. Baptize us with the cleansing work of the Holy Spirit that we may be free from sin's alloy. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

#### ON THE ReClaim GOSPEL READING • John 1:1-5

Stir our hearts to adoration, O Lord, and come. Cause us to bow before the babe of Bethlehem, who was in the beginning, with God, and by whom all things were made. Grant us to find the light and the life that is in him. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE

We intercede, O Lord, for all in the holy estate of marriage. Strengthen husbands and wives in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Guide them through life's common trials and temptations, and equip them spiritually to so live together in faith toward you, and in fellowship with your church, that they may become of one heart and mind. Lord, in your mercy, ,  
**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Merciful Father, hear the cries of your persecuted and martyred saints, as they are threatened with the sword to deny you or die. We give thanks for the witness of their intrepid faith, and join our prayers with theirs for deliverance. Shelter them with your presence and breathe upon them your peace which passes all understanding. Grant wisdom and guidance to leaders of the international community that they may be instruments of your healing. Lord, in your mercy, ,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**

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