

## Second Sunday in Advent

## Series B

Color: Blue or Purple

### 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 in us a highway for your arrival. Baptize us under 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 light and life 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

Bless those 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 every trial and temptation, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, in fellowship with your church, that the two may become one, as you willed. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR OUR NATION

O God, who by your providence led those who came before us to this land in which they found refuge from oppression and freedom to worship you, we pray that you will always guide our nation in the way of truth and peace, so that we may never fail in the blessing that you have promised to the people whose God is the Lord. 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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