

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2009

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

--- *Luke 3:1-6*

The Second Sunday in Advent focuses on the prophetic preaching of John the Baptist in the Judean desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He is the voice of Advent—the herald of the Savior and the precursor of the kingdom of God.

Advent calls us to prepare our lives as for a guest whose coming will reveal us to ourselves. In our liturgies, we are called to open wide our doors in welcome, share our family stories, pray for each other, set the table, prepare and share the Eucharistic meal that makes us one.

During this Advent season, let us pause to heed the Baptist’s cry: Let us prepare ourselves to be Christ-bearers and ready for Jesus to be born again in our hearts.

Readings:

Baruch 5:1-91; <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/baruch/baruch5.htm>

Psalms 126: 1-6

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/psalms/psalm126.htm>

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11;

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/philippians/philippians1.htm>

Luke 3:1-6 <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/luke/luke3.htm>