



Liturgy Cycle A

Second Sunday Of Advent **Preparing A Way For The Lord**

Introduction

To in the liturgy we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist exhorting us to prepare a way to the lord. At the start of the celebration let us create a little space so that the lord can come to us.

First Reading (Isaiah 11: 1-10)

This reading talks about the coming of the Messiah, and the two great gifts he would bring two gifts the world desperately needs namely, justice and peace.

Second Reading (Romans 15: 4-9)

This talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way in which Christ ha treated us.

Gospel (Matthew 3: 1-12)

We hear once more the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent for, the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray for the grace to be active in working for the new age of justice and peace the great prophet Isaiah spoke about and which Christ inaugurated.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For the followers of Christ: that they may be effective witnesses to the value of the Gospel, and so help to build God's kingdom on earth.
Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For world leaders: that through goodwill and cooperation they may strive to put an end to war, poverty and famine. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.



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For all those who are victims of injustice and discrimination. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

That the faith we professed with our lips may be borne out in our deeds. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

Communion Reflection

**We are all accountable, not just for our own sins,
But for everything and everybody.**

**When people understand this,
The kingdom of God will no longer be a dream
But a reality.**

**In order to change the world,
People's thinking must be changed.
There can be no brotherhood of men
Until all men become brother's to one another.
There is no science,
No order based on the pursuit of material gain,
That will enable people to share their goods fairly,
And to respect each other's rights.**

**For this Heaven and earth to come about,
People must end their isolation.
In the end this will happen.
People will realize how unnatural it is for them
To isolate themselves from one another,
And they will look back in amazement
At the time they sat in darkness
And refused to see the light.**

**Until the day comes we must keep our hope alive,
And now and then someone must set an example.**