

## Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

The longing for salvation expressed by God's people in last Sunday's readings centers around John the Baptist today. He, like the prophet Baruch, asks a sleeping and frustrated people to wake up and clothe itself in happiness after atoning. Jerusalem and the people are part of the same reality for Baruch; both the holy city and the faithful must joyfully await the arrival of the Messiah. In the second reading, the Philippians, grateful to God for the supreme gift of love reflected in Jesus Christ, read the letter of Saint Paul and discover they must share that love with humanity just as Christ did when he was born for us. What topics could modern prophets proclaim? Who in our time has presented him or herself as a prophet? These and other similar questions can be discussed in youth group or parish ministry meetings.

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### First Reading

*Baruch 5:1-9* Rejoice, Jerusalem, and be glad! The glory of God will shine upon you. The mountains and valleys will become a level plain. "God is leading Israel in joy."

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

### Second Reading

*Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11* Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them may be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

### Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 3:4, 6*

### Gospel

*Luke 3:1-6* The word of God was spoken to John the Baptizer. From that time on he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance, saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord."