

**Second Sunday of Advent
(propers 269)**

Sentence

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God *Luke 3.4, 6*

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Baruch 5.1–9 *or* Malachi 3.1–4
Canticle 19 (Luke 1.68–79)
Refrain In his time shall peace and justice flourish.
Philippians 1.3–11
Luke 3.1–6

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Preface of Advent

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.