

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

- ☐ Sat. December 4, 5:00 pm
- ☐ Sun. December 5, 9:00 am
- ☐ Sun. December 5, 11:00 am

Readings: 1) Isaiah 11:1-10 2) Romans 15:4-9 3) Matthew 3:1-12

The focus for today's Mass is that Jesus fulfilled the promises God made to Israel.

In Today's Liturgy of the Word,

Isaiah tells us that from the line of David, God will raise up a mighty savior to bring peace and salvation to the world. In the second reading, Paul declares that this salvation is now open to the Gentiles. The Gospel tells of John the Baptist heralding Christ's coming and calling for true repentance, for the Kingdom of heaven was at hand.

INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST: As we await the return of our Savior Jesus, let us bring to the Father our prayers and concerns for the world, the Church and ourselves.

For our Holy Father and all others who exercise authority in the Church,
that their efforts may help inspire us to walk in the ways of the Lord.
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For governments and world leaders.
as the Advent message of hope may move them to renew their efforts to work for peace and justice,
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all who struggle to find direction in their lives.
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those who are ill or in pain
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those who have died marked with the sign of faith,
Especially Father Ian McRae
as they enter into eternal life with God in heaven,
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all of us here, as we find Advent to be a time of renewal,
as we open our hearts more fully to Christ's love,
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions (Long pause)
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Gracious and loving God, as we place these prayers before you, teach us to be patient and to trust you fully. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

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