Second Sunday of Advent

Year B

Isaiah 40:1-11 • Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 • 2 Peter 3:8-15a • Mark 1:1-8
A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Isaiah 40:3
John the Baptist Preaching -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40:11
Christ the Good Shepherd -- Le Breton/Gaudin, Amiens Cathedral, Amiens, France
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Psalm 85:10
Love and Faithfulness Meet -- St. Michaels Church, Golden Grove, Wales
The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you ...
Waiting for the Boats -- João Marques de Oliveira, National Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1
Christ of Baptism -- Church of La Tirana, La Tirana, Chile
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;"

Mark 1:2
John the Baptist Mosaic
Rosary Basilica
Lourdes, France
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight ...'"

Mark 1:3
John the Baptist

Juan Martinez Montanes
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York, NY
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4
John the Baptist Preaching -- Pieter Brueghel the Younger
And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan ...

Mark 1:5a
Pentecostal Baptism
Cotonou, Benin
Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:6
Preparatory sketch of John the Baptist

Aleksandr Ivanov
Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia
He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals."

Mark 1:7
John the Baptist Preaching

San Juan Bautista Mission
San Jose, CA
I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:8
John the Baptist and Jesus

Castera Bazile
Former Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Christ's Baptism

Hospital of John the Baptist
Lichfield, England