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 -- Joao 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
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
Christ's Baptism

Hospital of John the Baptist
Lichfield, England
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