SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
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See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me ... indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1ac
John the Baptist

Altar of St. Catherine
Church of St. John and St. Martin
Schwabach, Germany
"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ... He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

Luke 1:68a, 69a
Tree of Jesse with David, Mary and Christ

Museum of Saint-Roch Issoudun, France
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High ... to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1:76a, 77
Christ Child Teaching in the Temple -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

Luke 1:78
Kenyan Nativity, 2007
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:79
Christ Comforting a Poor Man

Luca della Robbia
Louvre Museum, Paris, France
And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow ... having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ ...

Philippians 1:9a,11a
Christmas Eve -- Carlton Smith, 1901
... the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Luke 3:2
John the Baptist in the Wilderness

Geertgen tot Sint Jans
Gemaldegalerie
Berlin, Germany
He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

Luke 3:3
as it is written ...
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 3:4
John the Baptist

Jan van Eyck
Ghent Altarpiece
St. Bavo Cathedral
Ghent, Belgium
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

Luke 3:5
St. Christopher and the Christ Child on the Road of Life

Master of Guillebert de Mets
Morgan Library
New York, NY
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 3:6
Angels Attend Mary and Jesus -- India, c. 1665, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA