## **Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11. From the heavenly court, God summons angels to comfort his people and a prophet to prepare the way of the Lord. The people will return to the Holy City, manifesting God's wondrous presence in their midst.

Psalm 85: Show us your kindness, O God. Show us your kindness, O God.

2 Peter 3: 8-14. When the early church was confused over the delay of Christ's second coming and the transformation of the universe, people were advised to persevere in their waiting and to seek after holiness and godliness.

Mark 1: 1-8. This Gospel brings abruptly with John the Baptist who immediately stepped aside for Jesus, the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.