

**Second Sunday of Advent  
Hymns**

***Entrance Hymn: Prepare the Way (H/O)***

Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Righteous One;  
Come and bring our love to birth: In the glory of your Son.

**Refrain**

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!  
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!

Come, O God of flashing light: Twinkling star and burning sun;  
God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one. **Refrain**

Come, O Justice, Ome, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts anew;  
Come and make oppression cease; Bring us all to life in you. **Refrain**

***Wreath Lighting Hymn: Come, Lord! Maranatha***

Come, Lord! Maranatha! Come and bring us your peace.  
Come, Lord! Maranatha! Come to us, set us free.  
Come now and bring us your peace.

***Responsorial Psalm***

**Refrain**

God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music;  
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When our God led us back to freedom,  
like dreamers we beheld the promised land again;  
our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing. **Refrain**

We proclaimed to the nations what you had done for us;  
your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life,  
you lead your people home to you rejoicing. **Refrain**

Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love,  
as rivers through the sand, as springs within the desert;  
those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. **Refrain**

***Alleluia (Mass of Renewal)***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**

A voice cries out in the desert; Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight God's paths.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**

***Preparation of the Gifts***

**There is a Longing (BB 405)**

**Refrain**

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.  
In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.  
We call you, we wait: be near hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

***Communion Meditation A Time Will Come for Singing (H/O)***

A time will come for singing When all your tears are shed  
When sorrows chains are broken And broken hearts will mend  
The deaf will hear your singing When silent tongues are freed  
The lame will join your dancing When blind eyes learn to see

A time will come for singing When trees will raise their boughs  
When men lay down their armor And hammer their swords into plows  
When beggars live as princes And orphans find their homes  
When prison cells are emptied And hatred has grown old

A time will come for singing A hymn by hearts foretold  
That kings have sought for ages And treasured more than gold  
Its lyrics turn to silver When sung in harmony  
The Lord of Love Will teach us to sing its melody

***Song of Sending: Prepare, Prepare! (H/O)***

**Refrain:**

Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord, Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord, Oh  
Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord, The Lord, Our God, is coming soon.

Prepare, Prepare, the way of the Lord...  
Make straight the path, the way of the Lord...  
Justice and peace, the way of the Lord..  
Sing and rejoice, the way of the Lord...