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Introduction:

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we are encouraged to lay aside our sorrow and trust in God's promises of restoration and peace. Awaiting the Lord's coming, we are called to straighten the paths of our lives, that we may be pure and blameless before Him. As we enter into this Eucharistic celebration, may we open our hearts to God's word and commit ourselves to deeper conversion, so that we may be ready to welcome Christ into our lives.

Readings:		
	First Reading:	Baruch 5:1-9
	Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 126: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
	Second Reading:	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
	Gospel:	Luke 3: 1-6

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Trusting in the Lord's promise of peace and restoration, we bring our prayers before Him, confident in His love and mercy.

Response: **In Your mercy, hear us O Lord.**

For the leaders of the Church: that they may guide God's people to cast off the robe of sorrow and to walk in the light of God's glory *(brief silent pause) …* we pray to the Lord

For the leaders of nations: that they may govern with wisdom and justice, removing obstacles to peace and ensuring that the dignity of every person is upheld. *(brief silent pause) …* we pray to the Lord

For all Christians: that they may grow in love, knowledge and discernment, so that they may remain pure and blameless, preparing for Christ's return. *(brief silent pause) …* we pray to the Lord

For each of us: that we may make straight the paths of our lives, removing all that hinders us from welcoming Christ more fully into our hearts and homes. *(brief silent pause) …* we pray to the Lord

For our personal intentions and for those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray in silence. *(longer silent pause) …* we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant:

May your family always rejoice together, O God, over the joy of your Son's Coming and that they may persevere to attain the effects that flow from his glorious incarnation, who live and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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