

# Animating Advent



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel: [Mark 1:1-9](#)

*A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Mark 1:3)*

Daily, we hear **voices** crying out in deserts, voices of refugees fleeing the effects of war, genocide, global warming; families struggling against racism, drugs, poverty. The **way** is the Salvadoran mother hoping to find safety in El Paso, Texas for her children; or the welcoming faith community, shelter, food pantry, or [what other ministries might help her?], all helping make paths straighter.

- What voice cries out in my soul for light, hope, justice, faith in these times of inequality locally and globally?
- What might change in me if I became a more focused listener and advocate of Gospel justice?

Widening my reflection:

- How are we a refuge for those in deserts—lifting up voices, creating paths of safety?
- How are we cultivating sustenance for the journey as we move into the unknown of our Congregational future?

**Mantra** from the [Acts of Chapter 2013](#):

*Breathing in and breathing out unifying love—our charism, our mission—  
we participate in the Mystery of Transformation.*

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