Proper for December 10, 2023, the Second Sunday of Advent

Theme: “Enlarging our Borders in Faith”

Collect of the Day:

Merciful God, You sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85: 7-13

New Testament Proclamation: 2 Peter 3: 8-15

Gospel Proclamation: Mark 1: 1-8

Gradual Verse:

I wait for You, O Lord, my soul awaits; and in You alone my faith is placed.

Prayers of the People:

 You may use Form 1, (ICCEC Lectionary) *or the following:*

Deacon: Beloved in the Lord, the promises of God’s Word are sure, for His mouth has spoken them. Let us pray, then, that the faith and patience of all the saints be rewarded.

Minister: As You have promised, O God, reveal Your glory to the nations,

*People: As You have promised, O God, speak peace to all the peoples.*

Minister: As You have promised, O God, let truth spring forth from the earth,

*People: As You have promised, O God, make righteousness rule in the land.*

Minister: As You have promised, O God, remove all stumbling blocks from the paths of Your little ones,

*People: As You have promised, O God, let justice flow like rivers.*

Minister: As You have promised, O God, give what is good to the poor,

*People:* As You have promised, O God, come again with reward and recompense*.*

Minister: As You have promised, O God, build your Church as a beacon of hope to the nations,

*People: As You have promised, O God, bring healing to the sick.*

Deacon: As You have promised, O God, bring forth a harvest from the fields,

People: As You have promised, O God, answer our Corporate Petition.

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: As Your prophets have been faithful to proclaim Your promises, O God, make us Your royal priesthood faithful to proclaim Your excellencies to this generation. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For He assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design You formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when He comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Benediction:

May He Whose second coming in power and great glory we await make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***