Proper for December 24, 2023, the Third Sunday of Advent

Theme: “Enlarging Our Borders in Love”

Collect of the Day:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation, that Your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 1-4; 19-20; 25-26

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 1: 26-38

Gradual Verse:

Oh, how I love Your Law! It is my meditation all the day.

Prayers of the People:

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

Deacon: Beloved in the Lord, all who dwell in the world belong to Him. Let us, then, lift His own before Him in prayer.

Minister: Make Your Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy endure forever, O God,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

Minister: Make Your Church into a temple for Your great Name forever, O God,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

Minister: Make there be obedience of faith throughout all the nations forever, O God,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

Minister: Make wars to cease in all the world,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

Minister: Make this people bondslaves of Your will forever, O God,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

Minister: Make the people of this land those filled with mutual respect and compassion for one another, O God,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

Minister: Make an end of all sickness, even terminal illness, among us, O God,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

Deacon: Make ours the provisions which You have promised to us in our Corporate Petition, O God,

*People: For nothing is impossible with You.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant, O Lord Emanuel, that the incarnation of Your love work forever through Your Church, that all may see the favor of Your eternal presence which is always with Your creation. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our 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 all the oracles of the prophets foretold Him, the Virgin Mother longed for Him with love beyond all telling, and John the Baptist sang of His coming and proclaimed His presence when He came.

It is by His gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of His Nativity, so that He may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in His praise.

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.***