Proper for December 4, 2022, the Second Sunday of Advent

Theme: “The Faithfulness of Our Hope”

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 11: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-8

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 15: 4-7; 13

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 3: 1-12

Gradual Verse:

For the Lord shall speak, and whatever Word He speaks will be performed.

Prayers of the People:

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

Deacon: Beloved in the Lord, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Let us pray to Him Who is ever near to us.

Minister: O Lord our Guide, continue to speak to us through Your servants the prophets,

*People: That the earth might be filled with the knowledge of You.*

Minister: Let Your hand be upon the afflicted and the needy,

*People: Bringing to them the peace of Your presence.*

Minister: Bring all men to the righteousness of repentance,

*People: As fear and reverence of Your Name fills the fabric of creation.*

Minister: Grant Your people to be of one mind and in one accord,

*People: As we strive together for the faith of the Gospel.*

Minister: Heal all Your people who are suffering in body, soul, or spirit,

*People: By the stripes of our Lord Jesus, may they be healed.*

Minister: Filled with hope from the words of prophets both old and new,

*People: This Church under Construction prays to You our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant us Your grace, Sovereign Lord, that we may continue in fruitful service unto You, until that day when we see with our eyes what we now behold by faith; even the Kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this in His Name. ***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.***