Proper for December 18, 2022, the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Theme: “The Faithfulness of Our Immanuel”

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: Isaiah 7: 10-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80: 1-7; 17-19

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 1: 18-25

Gradual Verse:

Blessed be the Lord, for not one Word has failed of all His good promises, which He promised through His servants.

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: O King of Glory, through Immanuel You dwell with Your people.

*People: Grant that Your love be seen in Immanuel and in Your Church.*

Minister: In Your love, provide for the poor and destitute.

*People: In Your love, support the widow and orphan.*

Minister: In Your love, forgive the rebellious.

*People: In Your love, dwell with the lonely.*

Minister: In Your love, vindicate the oppressed.

*People: In Your love, comfort the bereaved.*

Minister: In Your love, restore the fallen.

*People: In Your love, heal the sick.*

Minister: In Your love, reveal Your glory to this nation;

*People: As this Church under Construction continues the Project of Love, the target of our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant, O Father, that we Your people may ever see the sign of Your presence and be the sign of Your love. 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.***