Proper for December 1, 2024, the First Sunday of Advent

Theme: “Sowing Seeds of Hope”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-4, 12-13, 21-22

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 21: 25-36

Gradual Verse:

Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Prayers of the People:

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

Deacon: Beloved in the Lord, God has taught us to pray for the end of systems that oppose Him and His Kingdom. Let us pray, therefore, that His will be done on earth as in heaven.

Minister: O Expected One, Whose divine will is destined to be fulfilled: hear the prayer of Your people in these days.

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Speak to the nations in the roaring of the waves;

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Warn the nations in the shaking of the land;

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Admonish the nations in the crumbling of their kingdoms;

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Alert the nations with the witness of Your Church;

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Confront the nations in the greatness of Your power;

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Comfort Your children with Your tender mercies;

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Heal Your children through Your Righteous Branch;

*People: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all His troubles.*

Minister: Hear Your children as we cry unto You;

*People: Give ear, O God, to our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Hasten, O Father, the fulfillment of Your Kingdom, and grant that we Your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold Your Son at His coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, in Whose Name we pray. ***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.***