Proper for December 8, 2024, the Second Sunday of Advent

Theme: “Sowing Seeds of 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: Malachi 3: 1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 12

New Testament Proclamation: Philippians 1: 1-11

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 3: 1-6

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: Dearly beloved brethren, God has begun a good work in His people and in the earth, and will not leave this work unfinished. Let us pray that unto a world in darkness, He will continue to show forth His great light.

Minister: O Expected One, our great King, out of arduous sowing, bring forth a great harvest.

*People: Unto those in captivity to sin, show forth Your great freedom.*

Minister: Out of obstacles and hindrances, bring forth a great pathway of understanding.

*People: Unto all flesh, show forth Your salvation.*

Minister: Out of the desolate wilderness, bring forth a great revival.

*People: Unto the nations of the earth, show forth Your great Name.*

Minister: Out of unethical injustice, bring forth a great judgment.

*People: Unto all mankind, show forth Your justice and righteousness.*

Minister: Out of sickness and despair, bring forth a great healing.

*People: Unto everyone in distress, show forth Your great compassion.*

Minister: Out of loyal perseverance, bring forth a great sign of Your favor.

*People: Unto we who cry out to You, show forth the answer to Your great promise, the Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Eternal God, as You prepared the way for the restoration of many lives through the ministry of Your servant John, so make Your Church in this day Your instrument for the continued renewal of all things; for the glory and praise of Your 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 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.***