## Intercessions Third Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024

Cantor: Chu Kwu Nu Lu Olum.

- For the Church—that in this dark, often challenging time, we may show those who have lost a sense of anticipation that God is, indeed, in our midst. *We pray*,
- For the courage to challenge those who believe that building strong families, a just community, or a peaceful world is someone else's responsibility. *We pray*,
- For a fragile Middle East that has the possibility for lasting, life-giving peace or ongoing, deadly conflict. *We pray*,
- For those who seek to unite our fractured nation and protect the common good. *We pray*,
- For the ability to live in ambiguity and be at peace with difficult, unanswered questions; for the ability to rejoice, no matter what. *We pray*,
- For all who find this holiday season burdensome or painful; for all among us who are suffering in any way; and for those whose wellbeing we seek to promote through our parish ministries. *We pray*,
- We remember now our own needs, and pray for the grace to be a source of comfort, peace and hope for the world (pause).
   For all these things, we pray,