Intercessions Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 22, 2024

Cantor: Chu Kwu Nu Lu Olum.

- For the church: That it may more clearly exhibit the image and model of a responsive, expectant, compassionate mother. *We pray*,
- For women throughout the world who—against difficult odds—provide nourishment, support and strength for their families and their communities; and for those who diminish the value, dignity and power of women. *We pray*,
- For peace throughout the Middle East—especially in Gaza and Syria-- in the midst of ongoing violence, chaos and change. *We pray*,
- For responsible, competent leadership at all levels of our incoming government. *We pray*,
- For leadership that will meet the ongoing and changing needs of this community; and for gratitude for Ben Babaran's leadership over these past ten years. *We pray*,
- For those among us -- and among those we serve--who yearn for healing, companionship, peace, and meaning in the heart of this holiday season. *We pray*,
- We remember now our own concerns, and pray for both the strength and humility to reach out to those in need (pause). For all these things, we pray,