Proper for March 3, 2024, the Third Sunday in Lent

Theme: “Our Borders Enlarged When We Act with Zeal”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Exodus 20: 1-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19: 7-14

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Gospel Proclamation: John 2: 13-22

Gradual Verse:

You are righteous, O Lord, and Your judgments are upright; You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness and exceeding faithfulness.

Prayers of the People:

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

Deacon: Beloved in Christ, the Season of Lent reminds us of the life God has set for His people to live. Let us pray to our merciful Lord for the grace to live this life.

Minister: Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Lord our Righteousness: Your Word promises that sin should not rule over us, but that we should master it.

*People: Keep us from presumptuous sins, and preserve us from hidden faults.*

Minister: Your Word promises us the ability to serve Your Law in the inner man.

*People: Write Your Law in our hearts, that we might not sin against You.*

Minister: Your Word promises the zeal to perform Your will.

*People: Consume us with this zeal, that we fulfill all Your purposes for us.*

Minister: Your Word promises us forgiveness when we walk not in Your grace.

*People: Grant us repentance and amendment of life.*

Minister: Your Word promises perfect peace for those whose hearts are fixed on You.

*People: Fill our hearts with Your love, the perfect bond of peace.*

Minister: Your Word promises hope for the helpless and light for those in darkness.

*People: Empower us to combat the evils that exploit your children.*

Minister: Your Word promises health for the ill and infirm.

*People: Heal them in your compassion and power.*

Minister: Your Word promises us a portion in the land.

*People: Fulfill our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Increase in us the fruits of Your Word, O Lord of the Harvest, that Your glory may fill the whole earth, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For You will that our self-denial should give You thanks, humble our sinful pride, contribute to the feeding of the poor, and so help us imitate You in Your kindness.

And so we glorify You with countless angels, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Benediction:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep Your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; may you go through this season of repentance steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. ***Amen.***

*Or, if the Presider is a bishop, the Lake George Benediction may be used.*