Sunday, January 14, 2024: The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Theme: “The Borders of Mission Enlarged”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-4; 13-16

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Corinthians 6: 13-20

Gospel Proclamation: John 1: 43-51

Gradual Verse:

For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Prayers of the People Option I:

 You may use the following:

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church, and for the world.

Minister: Father, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Minister: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;

People: That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

Minister: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Bishop Craig and Bishop Ariel;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

Minister: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Minister: Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in Your sight.

Minister: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Minister: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Minister: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Minister: We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

Minister: And we lift before You this parish, in the manner in which You have given unto us:

*People: As we pray our Corporate Petition.*

*or the following alternative:*

Prayers of the People Option II:

Deacon: Dearly beloved, the Lord calls us to seek Him earnestly. Let us lift our hands to Him in prayer.

Minister: Called to hear Your voice, O God,

*People: May we attune our ears to listen to You.*

Minister: Called to live as Your people, O God,

*People: May we press on to more closely know You.*

Minister: Called to be peacemakers, O God,

*People: May we show others the path to peace with You.*

Minister: Called to glorify You in our bodies,

*People: May we live holy and blameless lives before You.*

Minister: Called as temples of Your Holy Spirit,

*People: May we take up our cross daily and follow You.*

Minister: Called to be witnesses to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places,

*People: May we demonstrate Your manifold wisdom as sons of You.*

Minister: Called to be witnesses to those in our communities,

*People: May we make known to them the truth that is You.*

*.*Minister: Called to prosper and be in good health, even as our souls prosper,

*People: May we share with others divine healing from You.*

Deacon: Called to continue this Project of Love,

*People: We lift our Corporate Petition to You.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Our Lord and our God, we belong to You; we are not our own. Grant us grace to fulfill our calling from You, and walk in the good works You have prepared beforehand for us. We ask This in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. ***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.

For You have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when He appeared in our mortal nature, You made us new by the glory of His immortal nature.

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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***