Proper for February 25, 2024, the Second Sunday in Lent

Theme: “Our Borders Enlarged as We Mind the Things of God”

Collect of the Day:

O God, Whose glory it is always to have mercy: be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 22-31

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 4: 13-18

Gospel Proclamation: Mark 8: 31-38

Gradual Verse:

I considered my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies; I hastened and did not delay to follow Your commandments.

Prayers of the People:

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

Deacon: Dearly beloved brethren, the Season of Lent reminds us to be still and know the beauty of our life in Christ. Let us pray today for God’s grace to live that life.

Minister: Unchangeable God of truth and light, our prayer this day is that You would turn our hearts from man’s interests to Yours.

*People: Turn our hearts away from self-promotion, and toward exaltation of Your Name.*

Minister: Turn our hearts away from finding our lives, and toward losing them.

*People: Turn our hearts away from man’s empty promises, and toward Your love.*

Minister: Turn our hearts away from condemnation of self and others, and toward Your forgiveness.

*People: Turn our hearts away from media personalities, and toward Your children who are needy.*

Minister: Turn our hearts away from finding fault, and toward your image in others.

*People: Turn our hearts away from deception, and toward Your truth.*

Minister: Turn our hearts away from profiteering from the suffering of others, and toward Your solutions for our problems.

*People: Turn our hearts away from sickness, and toward Your healing.*

Minister: Turn our hearts toward the vision You have given us in this Church under Construction;

*People: Answer, we pray, our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: O Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, grant us to know the security of a life spent embracing the cross You have for us. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our 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 given Your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

And so, with all the angels and saints, we praise You, as without end 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.*