Sunday, May 21, 2023: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Theme: “Cultivating a Proclamation of His Glory”

Collect of the Day:

O God, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Acts 1: 6-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68: 4-10; 18-20

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Peter 4: 12-16

Gospel Proclamation: John 17: 1-11

Gradual Verse:

Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts; let my supplication come before You, deliver me according to Your Word.

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: Almighty Father, we lift before You Your holy catholic Church:

*People: That You would lead us in truth, baptize us in love, and unite us in spirit.*

Minister: We pray for her leaders, especially Bishop Craig and Bishop Ariel:

*People: That they may with one voice minister Your life to Your people and the world.*

Minister: We lift before You the people of this community, this nation, and the world:

*People: That we may honor one another and serve the common good.*

Minister: We pray for our governmental leaders, especially President Marcos:

*People: That You would lead them in the ways of justice and peace.*

Minister: We lift before You all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit:

*People: That You would send Your comfort and grace upon them.*

Minister: Give to the departed eternal rest:

*People: Grant that we may share with them in Your everlasting Kingdom.*

Deacon: 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 brethren, as we continue our Paschal celebration, let us bring our prayers and thanksgivings to Him Who has empowered us in this world.

Minister: O great and mighty God, You have revealed Your glory among all nations;

People: *We pray you grant unto all mankind vision to see that glory*.

Minister: You have delivered Your people from death;

*People: We pray you scatter all our enemies like plague, pestilence, famine, and oppression.*

Minister: You have made a home for the lonely;

*People: We pray you daily bear their burdens*.

Minister: You have lead the prisoners into prosperity;

*People: We pray You provide for the poor.*

Minister: You have anointed kings in our midst;

*People: We pray You grant them wisdom to lead Your children well.*

Minister: You have called your Church to be a witness of Your glory, even us here in this Church under Construction;

*People:* We pray you grant our Corporate Petition*.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You shared Your glory before the foundation of the world: Be glorified in us as we fulfill our purposes in You; we ask through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim You, O Lord, but in this Season above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

By the oblation of His body, He brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commending Himself to You for our salvation, showed Himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy every land, every people exults in Your praise, and the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Benediction:

May the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***