Sunday, August 20, 2023: The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 15)

Theme: “Cultivated in Mercy”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Isaiah 56: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 11: 25-32

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 15: 21-28

Gradual Verse:

Deal mercifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your Word. I have entreated Your favor with all my heart; be merciful to 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, the Lord desires for none to perish, but for all to come to salvation. Let us pray that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

Minister: Most merciful God, we lift before You all the nations You have made.

*People: Let all the peoples praise You, O God.*

Minister: Guide all nations in the way of Your righteousness;

*People: Lead all peoples in the way of Your justice.*

Minister:Guide all nations in the way of Your peace;

*People: Lead all peoples in the way of Your equity.*

Minister:Guide all nations in the way of Your joy;

*People: Lead all peoples in the way of Your love.*

Minister:Guide all nations in the way of Your Covenant;

*People: Lead all peoples in the way of prayer.*

Minister:Guide all nations in the way of Your wisdom;

*People: Lead all peoples in the way of Your healing.*

Minister:Guide the people in this Church under Construction,

*People: Lead us to receive our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant, Sovereign Lord, that as we Your people live out Your divine nature, we would show forth Your mercy to all Your lost sheep in every place. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

In You we live and move and have our being. Each day You show us a Father’s love; Your Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy.

Your gift of the Spirit is the foretaste and promise of the Paschal Feast of Heaven.

With thankful praise, in company with the angels, we glorify the wonders of Your power: