Sunday, May 15, 2022: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: “Resurrected Witness through Love”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, Whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Acts 13: 44-52

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145: 10-21

New Testament Proclamation: Revelation 21: 1-6

Gospel Proclamation: John 13: 31-35

Gradual Verse:

O, how I love Your Law! It is my meditation all the day. Give me understanding, that I may observe Your Law, and keep it with all my 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: 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 Duterte:

*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, as we continue our Paschal celebration, let us pray that we, God’s people, may make known to the sons of men His mighty acts through the power of love.

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People: As You provide food for the hungry and satisfy every living thing’s desire for you.*

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People:* *As in righteousness You remain faithful to Your nature*.

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People: As Your kindness is extended to the oppressed and abused*.

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People: As they see Your nearness to them in every situation.*

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People: As You spread Your word throughout the whole world.*

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People: As You restore all things and make them new.*

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People: As You quench their thirst for the water of life.*

Minister: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

People: *As You fill Your Son’s disciples with love for one another*.

Deacon: Grant all peoples an understanding of Your love, O God;

*People:* As our Project of Love continues to construct this church, as we ask in our Corporate Petition*.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: We thank You, Father, for the continual expression of Your love which we see in the glorious salvation and eternal life You have wrought for the world in Jesus 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 at this time above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

He never ceases to offer Himself for us but defends us and ever pleads our cause before You: He is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives forever.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land and every people exult in Your praise; even 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, and work 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.***