January 1, 2024: The Feast of the Holy Name

Theme: “Enlarging the Borders of Evangelism”

Collect of the Day:

Eternal Father, You gave to Your incarnate Son the holy Name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of Him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Numbers 6: 22-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 8

New Testament Proclamation: Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 2: 15 – 21

Gradual Verse:

He has sent redemption to His people, and ordained His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His Name!

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: Beloved in the Lord, the Son has promised that the Father would give us whatever we ask in the holy Name of Jesus. Let us raise our petitions to Him in that Name.

Minister: In this time of confusion, Father, may Your Son be to us our guide and covering.

*People: We pray to You, our Jehovah Rohi, the Lord our Shepherd!*

Minister: In this time of infirmity, Father, may Your Son be to us our health and life.

*People: We pray to You, our Jehovah Rapha, the Lord our Healer!*

Minister: In this time of weak and untrustworthy civil leadership, Father, may Your Son be magnified as ruler over all.

*People: We pray to You, our Adonai, the Great Lord!*

Minister: In this time of weak increasing apostacy, Father, may Your Son be magnified as the true and faithful Witness.

*People: We pray to You, our great Evangel!*

Minister: In this time of economic struggle, Father, may Your Son supply all our needs.

*People: We pray to You, our El Shaddai, the More than Enough!*

Minister: In this time of conflict and strife, Father, may Your Son be our peace.

*People: We pray to You, our Jehovah Shalom, the Prince of Peace!*

Minister: In this time of weakening moral character, Father, may Your Son be our Salvation.

*People: We pray to you in the Name of* *Jesus, the majestic Name above all names!*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: We thank You, O Father, for invoking Your Name upon Your people and blessing us. We exalt Your majestic Name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

 *All:* ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is right and proper that on all occasions we give You praise. You have given to Your Son Jesus the Name that is above every name, that at His Name every knee should bow.

Therefore we join with angels, archangels, with the saints and martyrs, all thrones and dominions, cherubim and seraphim, and with the hosts of the heavenly army, and sing:

Benediction:

May Almighty God, Who sent His angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, make you heralds of the Gospel; may He make you 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.***