Sunday, May 28, 2023: Pentecost Sunday

Theme: “Cultivating a Church of Unity”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, on this day You opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of Your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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 2: 1-7; 12-21

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104: 3-4; 24-31

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13

Gospel Proclamation: John 7: 37-39

Gradual Verse:

For our Gospel did not come to you in Word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

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 celebrate God’s completion of the Paschal mystery with the impartation of His Holy Spirit, let us bring our prayers and thanksgivings to Him Who is living within every believer.

Minister: Everliving God, eternally in our midst, we praise and thank You today for the power that You bring into our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit;

*People: We pray that this power give us the ability to do more than we can ask or imagine*.

Minister: We praise and thank You that the same power which raised Your Son Jesus from the dead now dwells within our mortal bodies;

*People: We pray that this life flow through us and revive this world.*

Minister: We praise and thank You for the power of His voice, leading us into all truth;

*People: We pray that this voice bring powerful conviction when we stray from your paths, and wisdom to all who need it in these days*.

Minister: We praise and thank You for the powerful comfort and help He brings to the weak and weary;

*People: We pray for comfort, healing, blessing, and anointing to be upon all your children.*

Minister: We praise and thank You for His powerful unifying work in us, as by Him we are baptized into one Body;

*People: We pray that His gifts to each member would be used for the good of the whole Body.*

Minister: We praise and thank you for the work You perform among us by Your Spirit;

*People: We pray that it continue in this Church under Construction, as you ever answer our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: We thank You, Divine Father, that through Him Who is indwelling within us, the work of Christ is now our own; and we His Body perform His same works, and even greater, through Him Who has returned to You, and is seated at Your right hand, even Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks. Today You sent the Holy Spirit on those marked out to be Your children by sharing the life of Your Son, and so You brought the paschal mystery to completion.

Today we celebrate the great beginning of Your church when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God, and created from the many languages of man one voice to profess one faith. Today You poured out the gifts of tongues and prophecy, and filled Your church with the blessings of the Spirit that we might continue to preach, teach, heal, cast out demons, and proclaim the good news of Your Kingdom.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs and the whole company of heaven in their unending hymn of praise:

Benediction:

May Almighty God, Who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with His blessing, that you may abound more and more in that same Spirit forever. ***Amen.***

May God, Who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of His presence. ***Amen.***

May God, Who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Him in word and deed.

***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you now and forever. ***Amen***.