Proper for March 10, 2024, the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Theme: “Our Borders Enlarged through Belief in the Son”

Collect of the Day:

Gracious Father, Whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread that He may live in us, and we in Him; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Numbers 21: 4-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 107: 1-3; 17-22

New Testament Proclamation: Ephesians 2: 1-9

Gospel Proclamation: John 3: 14-21

Gradual Verse:

For man shall not live on bread alone, but on every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Prayers of the People:

 You may use Form 1, (ICCEC Lectionary) *or the following:*

Deacon: Beloved in the Lord, God has called us to go up to Zion, His holy hill, the place of His presence. Let us there pray unto Him.

Minister: O Lord Emmanuel, dwelling in our midst,

*People: Grant that all men find in Your Church the presence of Christ.*

Minister: O Living Bread, given for the life of the world,

*People: Grant that all men find in Your Church the life of Christ.*

Minister: O God of Peace, giver of rest to the weary,

*People: Grant that all men find in Your Church the peace of Christ.*

Minister: O God our Provider, fountain of abundant kindness in Christ Jesus,

*People: Grant that all men find in Your Church the provision of Christ.*

Minister: O God our Healer, restorer of the broken in Christ Jesus,

*People: Grant that all men find in Your Church the wholeness of Christ.*

Minister: O Lord God Almighty, source of our vision for the land and its provisions,

*People: As we pray our Corporate Petition, grant that all men find in Your Church the fullness of Christ.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Increase in us the fruit of the Spirit, Sovereign Lord, that the world around us might see heaven in their midst. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God; for through bodily fasting You restrain our faults, raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards, through Christ our Lord.

Through Him the angels praise Your majesty, dominions adore and powers tremble before You. Heaven and the virtues of heaven and the blessed seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:

Benediction:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep Your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; may you go through this season of repentance 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.***

*Or, if the Presider is a bishop, the Lake George Benediction may be used.*