Sunday, January 22, 2023: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme: “Faithful to Proclaim the Gospel”

Collect of the Day:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Isaiah 8: 20-9: 2

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27: 1-5, 13

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 4: 12-23

Gradual Verse:

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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: Father, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Minister: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;

People: That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

Minister: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Bishop Craig and Bishop Ariel;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

Minister: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Minister: Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in Your sight.

Minister: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Minister: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Minister: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Minister: We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

Minister: 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, part of the message of Jesus is the importance and power of prayer. Let us then lift our petitions unto the Father.

Minister: O God, cause the peoples of the earth to find their salvation in You,

*People: As they are illumined by the message of Your power.*

Minister: Cause the peoples of the earth to find their security in You,

*People: As they are illumined by the message of Your presence.*

Minister: Cause the peoples of the earth to find their direction in You,

*People: As they are illumined by the message of Your wisdom*

Minister: Cause the peoples of the earth to find their destiny in You,

*People: As they are illumined by the message of Your Kingdom.*

Deacon Cause the peoples of the earth to find their healing in You,

*People: As they are illumined by the message of Your love.*

Minister: Cause the peoples of the earth to find a manifestation of You through our Project of Love,

*People: Hear the prayer of this Church under Construction, our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant, Almighty God, that an undivided Church shine the light of Christ into every darkened corner, and that our nets be filled with a harvest of souls. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ the 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 You have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, for when He appeared in our mortal nature, You made us new by the glory of His immortal nature.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Benediction:

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***