Sunday, July 9, 2023: The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 9)

Theme: “Cultivated in Humility”

Collect of the Day:

O God, You have taught us to keep all Your commandments by loving You and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to You with our whole hearts, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 45: 7-17

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 7: 21-8: 1

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-30

Gradual Verse:

Thus says the Lord, “Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls.”

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, as we take up the yoke of Christ He teaches us to walk in the Spirit. Let us pray that all men would learn from Him.

Minister: Walking in the Spirit, may we be free from fear;

*People: For You have rendered powerless him who had the power of death.*

Minister: Walking in the Spirit, may we fulfill the requirements of the Law;

*People: For You have promised to put Your Spirit within us and cause us to walk in Your statutes.*

Minister:Walking in the Spirit, may we be free from oppression and poverty;

*People: For You have promised to restore double what was taken*.

Minister:Walking in the Spirit, may we be free from serving ourselves;

*People: For You have set us free to serve You all the days of our lives*.

Minister: Walking in the Spirit, may we be free from sickness;

*People: For You are the God Who heals all our diseases*.

Minister: Walking in the Spirit, may we be free indeed;

*People: For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*.

Minister:Walking in the Spirit, may this Church under Construction receive our inheritance from You;

*People: As we pray in our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Reveal Yourself unto Your children who know You not, O merciful Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ, that they might be set free and receive His rest. We ask this in His Name. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks. When we Your children sinned and wandered from Your friendship, You reunited us with Yourself through the blood of Your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit.

You gather us into Your Church to be one, as You, Father, are one with Your Son and the Holy Spirit. You call us to be Your people, to praise Your wisdom in all Your works. You make us the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

In our joy we sing to Your glory with all the choirs of angels: