Sunday, July 30, 2023: The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Celebration of the Church in the Philippines being Received into the CEC

(Proper 12)

Theme: “Cultivated in the Kingdom”

Collect of the Day:

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: I Kings 3: 5-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119: 123-135

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 8: 26-30

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 13: 44-52

Gradual Verse:

Your Word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You; I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.

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 mind of the Spirit is clear: that we walk as Jesus walked. Let us pray that we bring life to society just as He did.

Minister: Omnipotent God, make us Your people like King Solomon;

*People: With great wisdom and hearts of discernment.*

Minister: Make us like the psalmist;

*People: With great longing for Your Word.*

Minister: Make us like the mustard seed;

*People: With great potential for growth and the blessing of others.*

Minister: Make us like leaven;

*People: With great ability to make everything around us improve.*

Minister:Make us like the merchant seeking fine pearls;

*People: With great understanding in the ways of Your Kingdom.*

Minister:Make us like the dragnet;

*People: Bringing a great harvest to the glory of Your Name.*

Minister:Make us like the people of Israel;

*People: In receiving the inheritance which You have promised, as we pray our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: As You have predestined, O Father, make us like Your Son in all things, that we, like Him, might fulfill Your calling upon us. Thanks be to You through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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: