Sunday, August 6, 2023: The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 13)

Theme: “Cultivated in Multiplication”

Collect of the Day:

Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Isaiah 55: 1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145: 8-21

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 14: 13-21

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 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 Ramos:

*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, our God is slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. Let us come before His throne in confidence.

Minister: Almighty God, nothing separates us from Your love;

*People: In Your love, be the Helper of those in all kinds of tribulation.*

Minister: In Your love, provide peace to all in distress;

*People: In Your love, provide perseverance to all undergoing persecution.*

Minister:In Your love, provide food to all in famine;

*People: In Your love, provide confidence to those who are being shaken.*

Minister:In Your love, provide protection to all in peril;

*People: In Your love, provide victory to all facing the sword.*

Minister:In Your love, provide comfort to those who are grieving;

*People: In Your love, provide healing to the sick.*

Minister:In Your love, provide the things needed to complete this church under construction;

*People: In Your love, answer our Corporate Petition*.

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: O God, as You invite us to Christ’s Table this day, may we come knowing that nothing, not even ourselves, can separate us from the love that calls us here, or the grace that is provided for us here. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

In You we live and move and have our being. Each day You show us a Father’s love; Your Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy.

Your gift of the Spirit is the foretaste and promise of the Paschal Feast of Heaven.

With thankful praise, in company with the angels, we glorify the wonders of Your power: