Sunday, May 14, 2023: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme: “Cultivating a Heart of Sanctification”

Collect of the Day:

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Acts 17: 22-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66: 1-8

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Peter 3: 8-20

Gospel Proclamation: John 14: 15-21

Gradual Verse:

The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the precepts of the Lord are right, restoring the heart.

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: Dearly beloved brethren, as we continue our Paschal celebration, let us bring our prayers and thanksgivings to Him Who appointed His Son Jesus to judge the world in righteousness.

Minister: O Lord, as we Your offspring abide in Your Son, grant that we receive His love;

People: And bear the fruit of joy, peace, and righteousness.

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son, grant that we receive His Word;

*People: And bear the fruit of hope for the nations.*

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son, grant that we receive His faith;

*People: And bear the fruit of revival in our nation.*

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son, grant that we receive His obedience;

*People: And bear the fruit of order throughout the world.*

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son, grant that we receive His power;

*People: And bear the fruit of the miraculous in our midst*.

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son, grant that we receive the answer to our Corporate Petition;

*People:* And be a Church abundant in the fruit of knowing You and making You known*.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Almighty Father, You are not a God Who is afar off and unknown, but You have made Yourself known unto Your offspring. Grant all an awareness of Your presence among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim You, O Lord, but in this Season above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy every land, every people exults in Your praise, and the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

Benediction:

May the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***