Sunday, July 2, 2023: The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 8)

Theme: “Cultivated in Commitment”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, You have built Your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Jeremiah 28: 5-9; 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 1-3; 19-21; 35-37

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 6: 16-23

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 10: 37-42

Gradual Verse:

Prove yourselves to be children of God in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, holding fast to the Word of life.

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, our God has established His faithfulness in the heavens. Let us bring our petitions before Him Who is faithful to hear.

Minister: Grant, Almighty God, that we Your children lose our lives centered on self;

*People: And receive Jesus in the least, the lost, and the lonely.*

*Minister:* Grant that the leaders of governments lose their lives of hidden private agendas;

*People: And receive Jesus in the lives of their constituents.*

*Minister:* Grant that the lost of this world lose their lives of false independence;

*People: And receive Jesus in His Body.*

*Minister:* Grant that Your children who are wavering lose their lives of weakness;

*People: And receive Jesus in the Sacraments*.

*Minister:* Grant that the doubtful lose their lives of suspicion;

*People: And receive Jesus in their commitment to Him.*

*Minister:* Grant that the departed lose their lives of mortality;

*People: And receive Jesus in the power of resurrection.*

*Minister:* Grant that the infirm lose their lives of suffering;

*People: And receive Jesus in the healing of His stripes.*

*Minister:* Grant that this Church under Construction lose its life of incompletion;

*People: And receive Jesus in the answer to our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant we Your people, Sovereign Lord, the grace to take up our cross daily and follow Christ, that we might receive the reward of eternal life with You. We ask this in the Name of the same Jesus Christ the 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: