Sunday, April 23, 2023: The Third Sunday of Easter

Theme: “Cultivating an Awareness of Christ’s Presence”

Collect of the Day:

O God, Whose blessed Son made himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work; Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Acts 2: 29-36

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116: 1-9

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Peter 1: 13-21

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 24: 13-35

Gradual Verse:

The things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, He has thus fulfilled.

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 has made His Son Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

Minister: O glorious Lord, we thank you this day for the body of Your Son, which He gave for the life of the world;

*People: May all the weak, suffering, and infirm receive His life coming from this table.*

Minister: We thank you for His precious blood, through which we are redeemed;

*People: May all be freed from the bondage of sin as that redemption comes from this table.*

Minister: We thank you for the fellowship we have with Your Son, as we are made one with Him;

*People: May all know communion with Him as He abides with us here at this table.*

Minister: We thank you for the holiness we have as Christ walks with us daily;

*People: May all put their faith and hope in You through the grace of this table.*

Deacon: Grant our Corporate Petition, O Lord;

*People: That, the Project of Love being completed, we may we share with others from this Church under Construction to an even greater dimension the glory of this table.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant us an awareness of your presence in our everyday lives, O God, that we may be heralds for You, 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.

Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for His death is our ransom from death, and in His rising the life of all has risen.

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.***