Sunday, August 27, 2023: The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 16)

Theme: “Cultivated in Revelation”

Collect of the Day:

Grant, O merciful God, that Your Church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; 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 51: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 12: 1-8

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 16: 13-20

Gradual Verse:

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in Heaven; Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations.

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, the Lord promises to answer us in the day we call. Let us then make our requests known to Him.

Minister: Everliving Lord, strong and mighty, You have promised to build Your Church, creating us to be productive and to have dominion in the earth.

*People: Bless and multiply Your people, O Lord, and increase the works of Your hands.*

Minister: Build up Your people to bring comfort and restoration to the devastated.

*People: Bless and multiply Your people, O Lord, and increase the works of Your hands.*

*Minister:* Raise up Your people to bring Your law and Your justice to the oppressed.

*People: Bless and multiply Your people, O Lord, and increase the works of Your hands.*

Minister:Send forth Your people to bring Your salvation to the lost, Your righteousness to the fallen, and Your lovingkindness to all.

*People: Bless and multiply Your people, O Lord, and increase the works of Your hands.*

Minister:Send forth Your people to bring Your healing to the sick and Your comfort to the lonely.

*People: Bless and multiply Your people, O Lord, and increase the works of Your hands.*

Minister:As this Church under Construction brings before You our Corporate Petition, we pray unto You:

*People: Bless and multiply Your people, O Lord, and increase the works of Your hands.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: God of all wisdom and knowledge, from Whom and through Whom and to Whom are all things: As we Your people have received from You everything needed for life and godliness, may we stand in authority against the works of darkness, loosing Your peace upon all the earth. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the 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: