Sunday, July 23, 2023: The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 11)

Theme: “Cultivated in Righteousness”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Isaiah 44: 1-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-10

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 8: 12-18

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 13: 36-43

Gradual Verse:

For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of 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, the Lord stands ready to help and comfort His children. Let us call upon Him in prayer.

Minister: Sovereign Lord, You work all things together for Your purposes. Be glorified in the midst of deception and confusion;

*People: Be glorified as Your children walk in Your truth.*

Minister: Be glorified in the midst of murmuring and rebellion;

*People: Be glorified in the thankful hearts of Your children.*

Minister:Be glorified in the midst of creation’s groaning;

*People: Be glorified in the revealing of Your sons.*

Minister:Be glorified in the midst of turmoil and disorder;

*People: Be glorified as Your creation is set free from corruption.*

Minister:Be glorified in the midst of plague and pandemic;

*People: Be glorified as Your healing grace sweeps over the land.*

Minister:Be glorified in the midst of mercy and judgment;

*People: Be glorified in the Day of harvest.*

Minister:Be glorified in the midst of Your people in this Church under Construction;

*People: As You answer our Corporate Petition*.

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant, Sovereign Lord, that we Your people hold fast to the hope we have in You, as with perseverance we eagerly wait the Day of the culmination of all things; through Jesus Christ our 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: