Sunday, April 7, 2024: The Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: “The Faith to Enlarge our Borders”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 4: 32-35

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 133

New Testament Proclamation: 1 John 1: 1-2: 2

Gospel Proclamation: John 20: 19-31

Gradual Verse:

What we have heard, what we beheld and what our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life: this we proclaim to you, that you also may believe with us.

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 the Father sent Christ, so our Lord sends us. Let us pray for faithful hearts to follow that call.

Minister: O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as You send forth your people among the unbelieving, may we bring saving faith;

*People: As You send forth your people amidst your enemies, may we bring abundant redemption.*

Minister: As You send forth your people into the workplace, may we bring living hope;

*People: As You send forth your people into the marketplace, may we bring divine protection.*

Minister: As You send forth your people into the communities, may we bring loving forgiveness;

*People: As You send forth your people into the educational institutions, may we bring spiritual wisdom.*

Minister: As You send forth your people amidst the sorrowful, may we bring inexpressible joy;

*People: As You send forth your people among the suffering, may we bring complete healing.*

Minister: Grant this Church under Construction the means to reach more people with Your truth;

*People: Grant us our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Grant unto this generation, Everlasting God, grace to believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that believing we may have life in His Name. We ask this through Jesus Christ the 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 time 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 even 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.***