Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday

Theme: “The Witnesses to Enlarge Our Borders”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Acts 10: 34-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118: 14-24

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel Proclamation: John 20: 1-9

Gradual Verse:

For Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and He was buried, and He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

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, let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts so freely bestowed upon us through the Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister: Almighty God, our Victorious Warrior, we praise and thank You for sending Christ to seek and to save that which was lost, to reconcile the world to Yourself, and to set all creation free from the curse;

*People: Grant His salvation and redemption to all in need.*

Minister: We praise and thank You for sending Christ to destroy all the works of the devil, and overwhelmingly conquer sin, death, and the grave;

*People: Grant His deliverance to all in need.*

Minister: We praise and thank You for sending Christ to seat us in the heavenly places with Him, bless us with every spiritual blessing, and grant to us everything pertaining to life and godliness;

*People: Grant His provision to all in need.*

Minister: We praise and thank You for sending Christ to breath into us the breath of life, and for appointing over us leaders of our souls and spirits;

*People: Grant His wisdom and compassion to all in authority.*

Minister: We praise and thank You for sending Christ as our Healer, by Whose stripes we are set free from all sickness, infirmity, and disease;

*People: Grant His healing strength and power to all in need.*

Deacon: And we lift before You this Church under Construction, as we continue our project of love:

*People: And continue to pray our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Heavenly Father, in the midst of the trials all around us, make us ever mindful that our Lord Christ has, indeed, overcome the world, and makes us partakers of that same victory. We ask this through the same 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 on this day above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For He is the true Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world; by dying He has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land and every people exult in Your praise; 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: Steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and work 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.*

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