Sunday, April 28, 2024: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: “The Relationship to Enlarge Our Borders”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, Whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Acts 8: 26-40

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22: 25-31

New Testament Proclamation: 1 John 4: 7-16

Gospel Proclamation: John 15: 1-8

Gradual Verse:

The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the precepts of the Lord are right, restoring 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, as we continue our Paschal celebration, let us bring our prayers to Him Who has made His Son Jesus to be the living Vine.

Minister: O Lord, as we Your offspring abide in Your Son the Vine, grant that we receive His love;

People: And bear the fruit of joy, peace, and righteousness.

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son the Vine, grant that we receive His Word;

*People: And bear the fruit of hope for the nations.*

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son the Vine, grant that we receive His power;

*People: And bear the fruit of the miraculous in our midst*.

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son the Vine, grant that we receive His faith;

*People: And bear the fruit of revival in our nation.*

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son the Vine, grant that we receive His obedience;

*People: And bear the fruit of order throughout the world.*

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son the Vine, grant that we receive His healing;

*People: And bear the fruit of health in our nation.*

Minister: As we Your offspring abide in Your Son the Vine, grant that this Church under Construction receive the answer to our Corporate Petition;

*People:* And be a Church abundant in the fruit of knowing You and making You known*.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Continue to disclose Yourself to us, O Lord, in the faces of the lost and needy everywhere around us; for the sake of the same Your Son 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 time above all to laud You yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

By the oblation of His body, He brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commending Himself to You for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

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.***