Thursday, January 6, 2022: The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

to the Gentiles

Theme: “The Church’s Light under Construction”

Collect of the Day:

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth; Lead us who know You now by faith to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-2; 10-14

New Testament Proclamation: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 2: 1-12

Gradual Verse:

I have manifested Your Name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your Word.

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: Father, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Minister: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;

People: That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

Minister: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Bishop Craig and Bishop Ariel;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

Minister: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Minister: Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in Your sight.

Minister: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Minister: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Minister: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Minister: We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

Minister: 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: Dear brethren, the promise of God given in Advent and fulfilled in Christmas is now manifested in Epiphany. Like the Magi of old, let us rejoice together with great joy!

Minister: Almighty God, we rejoice with great joy that in Christ You have brought to light what has been hidden for ages.

*People: Open the eyes of all to see that which prophets and angels longed to see.*

Minister: We rejoice with great joy that You have revealed Your Son Jesus Christ as ruler of both Israel and the Gentiles.

*People: Open the eyes of all to see Him as King of kings and Lord of lords.*

Minister: We rejoice with great joy that You have revealed us as fellow partakers of the promise Christ.

*People: Open the eyes of all to see Him as our hope, our healing, our provider, and our salvation.*

Minister: We rejoice with great joy that You have revealed to us the unfathomable riches of Christ.

*People: Open the eyes of all to see Him as our righteousness, our peace, our joy, our wisdom, and our love.*

Minister: We rejoice with great joy that You have revealed to us our project of love.

*People: Open our eyes to see as we pray our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Hasten, O Father, the complete manifestation of Your Kingdom; and grant that we Your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold Your Son at His coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For today You have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when He appeared in our mortal nature, You made us new by the glory of His immortal nature.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Benediction:

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***