Sunday, January 23, 2022: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

Theme: “The Church’s Ministry Under Construction”

Collect of the Day:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Nehemiah 8: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19: 7-14

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 20

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 4: 14 - 21

Gradual Verse:

Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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: Dearly beloved brethren, the Lord has placed us in the Body where He desires–in the place of intercession. Let us fulfill His desire for us now, and intercede for His own.

Minister: Enlighten Your Church, O God, to share the Gospel of Your favor to the poor;

*People: That they may realize their wealth.*

Minister: Enlighten Your Church to share the Gospel of Your favor to the captive;

*People: That they may realize their freedom.*

Minister: Enlighten Your Church to share the Gospel of Your favor to the blind;

*People: That they may see Your lovingkindness.*

Minister: Enlighten Your Church to share the Gospel of Your favor to the downtrodden;

*People: That they may realize that You have raised them up with You.*

Minister: Enlighten Your Church to share the Gospel of Your favor to the sick and infirmed;

*People: That they may experience Your divine healing.*

Minister: Enlighten Your Church to share in the building up of itself;

*People: That we may experience the answer to our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Enlighten Your Church, O God, to the favor You have toward each one of her members, and grant that we express our oneness in You. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***