Proper for September 19, 2021, the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 20)

Theme: “Father, Son, Spirit: Requiring Humble Service”

Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Proclamation: Proverbs 2: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54

New Testament Proclamation: James 3: 13-18

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Gospel Proclamation: Mark 9: 30-37

Gradual Verse:

You have dealt well with Your servant; O Lord, according to Your Word. O may Your lovingkindness comfort me, according to Your Word to Your servant.

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 Duterte:

*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, the Father promises a greater grace to those who fear Him. Let us seek Him on behalf of those under attack from strangers and violent men.

Minister: O Lord, the helper and sustainer of our souls, we pray for those whom You have designated as the greatest in Your Kingdom, our children;

*People: Deliver them from the attacks of those with wrong motives.*

Minister: We pray for our infants, even those in the womb;

*People: Deliver them from the attacks of those who are friends of this world.*

Minister: We pray for those who are humble in Your sight;

People: *Deliver them from the attacks of the jealous, the ambitious, and the proud.*

Minister: We pray for Your Church, that she would restore the value of humility;

People: *Deliver us from the attacks of those who value self-exaltation and arrogance.*

Minister: Increase our visibility in this battle for our nation’s children;

*People: Fulfill our Corporate Petition.*

Corporate Petition

Concluding Collect

Presider: Almighty God, You have promised to return the hearts of the fathers to their children: Restore in us the purpose to protect, serve, and train our sons and daughters, for the sake of Christ the Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

In You we live and move and have our being. Each day You show us a Father’s love; Your Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy; and this Living Bread of which we partake today is the foretaste and promise of the Paschal Feast of Heaven.

With thankful praise, in company with the angels, we glorify the wonders of Your power: