Proper for September 5, 2021, the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 18)

Theme: “Father, Son, Spirit: Healing One and All”

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in You with all our hearts; for, as You always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so You never forsake those who make their boast of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

First Proclamation: Isaiah 35: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146: 5-10

New Testament Proclamation: James 2: 8-9; 12-13

Gospel Proclamation: Mark 7: 24-37

Gradual Verse:

He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

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: Beloved in the Lord, our help is the God of Jacob. Let us put aside our fear, and pray unto Him Who comes to the aid of His beloved.

Minister: O God, Who saves to the uttermost those who call upon You, have mercy upon the stranger and the foreigner;

*People: Protect them, and lead them into Your holy house.*

Minister: Provide for the fatherless and the widow;

*People: Be their strength also, and carry them forever.*

Minister: Give peace to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit due to the pandemic;

*People:* Open their hearts toward faith in You.

Deacon: Grant sight to those blind to Your salvation;

*People:* Open their eyes to the perfection of Your deliverance.

Minister: Grant speech to those unable to testify of Your greatness;

*People:* Open their lips, that they may declare Your praise.

Minister: Open the ears of those who cannot hear Your truth;

*People:* Strengthen the limbs of those who cannot walk in their faith.

Minister: Lead us Your people in Your paths for us;

*People:* And grant our Corporate Petition.

Corporate Petition

Concluding Collect

Presider: Make us Thine instruments in the world, O God, steadfastly doing all things well for Thee. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our 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: