Proper for August 15, 2021, the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 15)

Theme: “Father, Son, Spirit: Abiding with Humanity”

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

First Proclamation: Proverbs 9: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 111

New Testament Proclamation: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel Proclamation: John 6: 53-58

Gradual Verse:

The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

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 Psalmist says that they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing. Let us then seek Him, that we may find His abundant life.

Minister: Almighty and Eternal God, You sent Your beloved Son from Heaven to become for us wisdom from You;

*People: As we eat His flesh and drink His Blood, grant that our eyes be opened in the breaking of the bread.*

Minister: You sent Your beloved Son from Heaven to reconcile us unto You;

*People: As we eat His flesh and drink His Blood, grant that we abide in Him, and He in us.*

Minister: You sent Your beloved Son from Heaven to offer Himself for the life of the world;

*People: As we eat His flesh and drink His Blood, may His life flow from this altar to touch this entire community.*

Minister: You sent Your beloved Son from Heaven to seek and save the lost;

*People: As we eat His flesh and drink His Blood, may His Name be lifted up and many turn to Him.*

Minister: You sent Your beloved Son from Heaven to heal us by His stripes;

*People: As we eat His flesh and drink His Blood, may healing from this altar be received by many.*

Minister: You sent Your beloved Son from Heaven to reveal Yourself unto men;

*People: Reveal Your power, provision, and lordship, as You fulfill our Corporate Petition.*

Corporate Petition

Concluding Collect

Presider: Grant, Gracious Lord, that we Your people would make the most of the time which You have given us, and be not blind to any opportunity to bring You glory. We ask this in the Name 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: