Proper for September 26, 2021, the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 21)

Theme: “Father, Son, Spirit: Challenging Our Perspective”

Collect of the Day

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, running to obtain Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Proclamation: Esther 7: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 124

New Testament Proclamation: James 4: 11-12

Gospel Proclamation: Mark 9: 38-50

Gradual Verse:

All Your commandments are faithful; for You are the faithful God, Who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation.

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, Scripture tells us that no one lives unto himself. Let us pray to the Lord, therefore, that the lives we lead and the example we set would cause others not to stumble, but to prosper.

Minister: O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer, we Your people ask for Your grace this day, that we be pleasing unto You;

*People: Setting our sights on the multitudes who need You touch.*

Minister: Grant that the things we do be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord;

*People: Doing all things in obedience to You.*

Minister: Grant that the places we go be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord;

People: *Going to the places where people are needy and hurting, and bringing You into their midst.*

Minister: Grant that our desires be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord;

People: *Seeking after Your Kingdom and its righteousness.*

Minister: Grant us a strengthening of our dedication to the witness of Your Kingdom;

People: *Bringing forth the fruit promised in our Corporate Petition.*

Corporate Petition

Concluding Collect

Presider: Continue, Lord God, the work of the Gospel in our day, as it overcomes all hindrances to fill the earth. We ask this 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: