Proper for March 5, 2023, the Second Sunday in Lent

Theme: “Faithfully Believing”

Collect of the Day:

O God, Whose glory it is always to have mercy: be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Genesis 12: 1-8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 12-22

New Testament Proclamation: Romans 4: 1-5; 13-17

Gospel Proclamation: John 3: 1-17

Gradual Verse:

For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding Word of God.

Prayers of the People:

 You may use Form 1, (ICCEC Lectionary) *or the following:*

Deacon: Dearly beloved brethren, the promise given to Abraham is certain, even to his descendants today. Let us pray believing, and receive that promise.

Minister: Renewed by water and Your Spirit, O God, may we Your faithful children build altars unto You in every place we set our feet.

*People: Grant that we build altars unto You in our homes, and bring our families into Your Kingdom.*

Minister: Grant that we build altars unto You in our places of business, and bring our workmates into Your Kingdom.

*People: Grant that we build altars unto You in our schools, and bring our classmates into Your Kingdom.*

Minister: Grant that we build altars unto You in our communities, and bring our neighbors into Your Kingdom.

*People: Grant that we build altars unto You in every province, and bring this nation into Your Kingdom.*

Minister: Grant that we build altars unto You in the hearts of those who are sick and infirm.

*People: Grant that they be altars of healing, where the stripes of Christ make the wounded whole.*

Minister: Grant that we build an altar unto You in this very Church under Construction.

*People: Strongly support our Project of Love, as we pray our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: O God, our help and shield, grant us faith to see Your only-begotten Son lifted up, for the healing of the nations and the life of the world, even the same 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 given Your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

And so, with all the angels and saints, we praise You, as without end we acclaim:

Benediction:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep Your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. ***Amen.***

*Or, if the Presider is a bishop, the Lake George Benediction may be used.*