Proper for March 13, 2022, the Second Sunday in Lent

Theme: “Love Builds Our Relationship”

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 15: 4-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27: 2-3, 9-10, 11-14

New Testament Proclamation: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 13: 22-30

Gradual Verse:

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

Prayers of the People:

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

Deacon: Dearly beloved brethren, the Lord promises that we will see His goodness in the land of the living. Let us proclaim His faithfulness toward the sons of men.

Minister: O Lord of all, we lift before You this day Your children who are facing struggles of various kinds.

*People: Grant that they all find You mighty to save.*

Minister: For those facing opposition from family and friends;

*People: For those facing opposition from the forces of government.*

Minister: For those facing struggles in their health;

*People: For those facing struggles in their finances.*

Minister: For those facing conflict with their own passions;

*People: For those facing conflict with Your calling upon them.*

Minister: For those facing fatigue from their grueling schedules;

*People: For those facing fatigue from years of labor.*

Minister: For those facing resistance as they seek reconciliation;

*People: For those facing resistance from others in the Body.*

Minister: For those facing discouragement in our project of love;

*People: We lift to You our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Everloving God, it is in the crucible of testing that the purest gold is formed: Grant that, in times of opposition, our faith in Your providence remains strong; for the sake of Jesus Christ the 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.*