Sunday, November 5, 2023: The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 26)

Theme: “Cultivated in Service”

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by Your gift that Your faithful people offer You true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain Your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Micah 3: 5 – 12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 43

New Testament Proclamation: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 23: 1-12

Gradual Verse:

I will meditate on Your precepts, and regard Your ways; I shall delight in Your statutes, I shall not forget Your Word.

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 Marcos:

*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, God calls us into His own Kingdom and glory. Let us pray that we live out His glory in truth.

Deacon: Grant, O Lord, that Your people walk in Your truth:

*People: That the poor be enabled rather than victimized;*

Deacon: That the widows be assisted rather than abused;

*People: That the orphans be nurtured rather than used;*

Deacon: That the least be uplifted rather than trampled;

*People: That the lost be sought rather than abandoned;*

Deacon: That the pagan be converted rather than scorned;

*People: That the nations be convicted rather than condemned.*

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Deacon: That the unborn be birthed rather than aborted;

*People: That Your Name be exalted rather than dishonored;*

Deacon: That the homeless be housed rather than ignored;

*People: That the infirmed be healed rather than robbed;*

Deacon: That this Church under Construction be completed rather than pending;

*People: To this end, we pray our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: O God our strength, You have sent Your Word to perform its work in we who believe. Grant that this Word accomplish its purpose in us, transforming us into the image of He Who is called Faithful and True, even Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this in His Name. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By His birth we are reborn. In His suffering we are freed from sin. By His rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life. In His return to You in glory we enter into Your heavenly kingdom.

And so, we join the angels and the saints as they sing their unending hymn of praise: