Proper for July 21, 2024, the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 11)

Theme: “Compassion without Borders”

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

First Proclamation: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

New Testament Proclamation: Ephesians 2: 13-22

Gospel Proclamation: Mark 6: 30-34

Gradual Verse:

For man shall not live on bread alone, but on every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God

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: Dearly beloved brethren, we have all been brought near to God by the Blood of Christ. Let us pray today for those who consider themselves cut off, hopeless, and without God in the world.

Minister: Most merciful God, You sent Your Son to dwell with the lowly and revive the contrite;

*People: Grant that Your scattered sheep find reconciliation with You in His Church.*

Minister: You sent Your Son to restore all people;

*People: Grant that the rebellious, slanderers, and unbelieving find mercy in His Church.*

Minister: You sent Your Son to teach all nations Your ways;

*People: Grant that seekers of new life find truth in His Church.*

Minister: You sent Your Son to seek and save that which was lost;

*People: Grant that all Your children find Your presence in His Church.*

Minister: You sent Your Son to feed the hungry with His Body;

*People: Grant that, for the life of the world, the bread of Heaven be continually partaken of in His Church.*

Minister: You sent Your Son to heal the sick by His stripes;

*People: Grant that all who suffer in body, soul, and spirit find healing in His Church.*

Minister: You sent Your Son to build His church;

*People: Grant the completion of this Church under Construction, as we continue to pray our Corporate Petition.*

Corporate Petition

Concluding Collect

Presider: Look upon Your Church, Almighty God, as we are held together in peace and unity by Christ the Cornerstone, and grant that we continue to grow into a mighty Temple in You; for the sake of Your holy Name. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface

Presider: 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: