Proper for July 7, 2024, the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 9)

Theme: “Persistence without Borders”

Collect of the Day

O God, You have taught us to keep all Your commandments by loving You and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to You with our whole hearts, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Proclamation: Ezekiel 2: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 48: 1-10

New Testament Proclamation: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Gospel Proclamation: Mark 6: 1-6

Gradual Verse:

We are not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

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, we please God when we serve Him in obedience as Christ did, regardless of reactions from others. Let us beseech Him for His grace, that we may follow the example of our Savior.

Minister: Almighty and Sovereign Lord, we seek Your grace to serve You when we are at the end of our physical strength;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, for Your grace is sufficient for us.*

Minister: We seek Your grace to serve You, even when we might not understand the circumstances of our lives;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, for Your grace is sufficient for us.*

Minister: We seek Your grace to serve others, rather than seeking to be served;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, for Your grace is sufficient for us.*

Minister: We seek Your grace to love those who persecute us;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, for Your grace is sufficient for us.*

Minister: We seek Your grace to sustain us in our aim to know You and make You known;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, for Your grace is sufficient for us.*

Minister: We seek Your grace to minister to the least, the lost, and the lonely;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, for Your grace is sufficient for us.*

Minister: We seek Your grace to heal the sick and infirm;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, for Your grace is sufficient for us.*

Minister: We seek Your grace to patiently receive Your promise to us;

*People: Be gracious to us, O God, and answer our Corporate Petition.*

Corporate Petition

Concluding Collect

Presider: Grant us the measure of Your grace, Almighty God, that we might conform to Your will and be as Christ in this world; for the sake of His 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: