

Year A; Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Exodus 3:1-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 105)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.

All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (from Romans 12)

The Epistle to the Romans tells us to let your love be genuine, hate what is evil, and hold tight to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection, and outdo one another in showing honor. Paul continues in his exhortations. Let us confess our sin where we fall short of God's standard for us. Let us confess our sins to God.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from Romans 12)

Almighty and loving God, you tell us to make love be genuine, but sometimes, our love can be a facade hiding an untransformed heart. You command us to outdo one another in showing honor, but we can be jealous of the honor given to others. We are to extend hospitality to strangers, but we, at times, let fear keep us distant. Forgive our sin, and continue to mold us into the people you intend us to be. In the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from Matthew 16)

Our Lord Jesus Christ was sent to us to undergo great suffering at the hands of the leaders of Israel and the Roman Empire, to be killed, but on the third day to be raised

from the dead. He suffered that we might be forgiven. Repent and believe, and know that we are forgiven in his name. Amen.

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