

Year B; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts (Semicontinuous)

- 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
- Psalm 130
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- John 6:35, 41-51

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 130*)

One: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
All: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
One: We wait for the Lord, our souls wait
All: and in his word we hope;
One: our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
All: more than those who watch for the morning.
One: O people, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
All: It is he who will redeem us from all our iniquities. Let us worship God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from John 6 and Psalm 130*)

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever." We cannot earn our salvation on our own for the Psalmist writes, "If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand?" Let us place our trust in the living bread that brings eternal life and trust in his ways and in his forgiveness.

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Ephesians 4*)

Merciful God, you call us to be imitators of you, but too often, we are imitators of the world and its ways. We speak falsehoods, and we harbor anger against our neighbor. Evil words depart from our mouths rather than grace to those who hear. We harbor bitterness and wrath and wrangling and slander and malice. Forgive us, Lord, and create in us pure hearts — hearts that strive for the perfection you expect of us and that you model to us in Jesus. It is in our Lord's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Ephesians 4*)

Paul writes to the Ephesians, “Be forgiving of one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” Imitate Christ, forgive one another, live into Christ’s example, and trust in Christ’s forgiveness. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*IN UNISON, from John 6*)

Gracious God, if we would live on what we could scavenge on our own in this world, we would surely, eventually die, and this could be the end of us. You, though, sent the bread of life to live among us that we might know you. Those who come to believe and trust in you, you offer eternal life as a gift. We offer these gifts from our labors in thankful response to your many blessings. Amen.

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