

Year B; Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts (Semicontinuous)

- Song of Solomon 2:8-13
- Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
- James 1:17-27
- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 45*)

One: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

All: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

One: you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

All: Let us worship God, who is worthy of our worship!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from James 1*)

James writes, “be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” We, too often, hear the word including God’s expectations and apply them to our neighbor rather than to ourselves. Let us confess where we have departed from God’s will.

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from James 1*)

Merciful God, you gave us your word that we might become more like Jesus, and you command us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. You call us to live a religion that is pure and undefiled before you including to care for the orphans and the widows in their distress. We sin and fall short of even these commands. Forgive our sin, and mature us into your perfect holiness. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from James 1*)

James, also, testifies that those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere as doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing. Live God’s perfect law, and trust in his blessings and forgiveness. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*IN UNISON, from James 1*)**

Gracious God, James testifies that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilling your own purpose you gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of your creatures. For the honor you offer us despite our unworthiness and unfaithfulness, we offer you these gifts for your continued work in this world. Amen.

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