

Year B; Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
- Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
- Hebrews 5:1-10
- Mark 10:35-45

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 104*)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: O Lord my God, you are very great.

One: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

All: wrapped in light as with a garment.

One: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

All: you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

One: you make the clouds your chariot,

All: you ride on the wings of the wind,

One: you make the winds your messengers,

All: fire and flame your ministers.

One: You set the earth on its foundations,

All: so that it will never be shaken.

One: You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

All: the waters stood above the mountains.

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

All: the earth is full of your creatures. Praise the Lord!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Hebrews 5*)

In the days of ancient Israel, even the High Priest needed to offer a sacrifice for his own sins and for the sins of his own people. Let us approach the throne of the forever and sinless priest, our High Priest, Jesus Christ, with humility and confess our sins.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (30 seconds)

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Mark 10*)

Gracious God, we too often want you as James and John to do for us whatever we ask of you, but you call us to humility. You call us to be a servant to be great or to be a slave to all to be first, and you modeled this for us in Jesus Christ. Forgive our self-centeredness, our self-ambition, and our attempts at self-glorification, and grow us into your ways. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Hebrews 5*)

Having been made perfect, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. Let us obey him and trust in his forgiveness and salvation. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from Mark 10*)

Almighty and loving God, the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. He died that we might be forgiven, have abundant life, and have eternal life. In thankfulness for his many benefits, we offer these gifts for your work on earth. Amen.

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