

Year B; Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
- Psalm 127:1-5
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- Mark 12:38-44

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 127*)

One: Unless the Lord builds the house,

All: those who build it labor in vain.

One: Unless the Lord guards the city,

All: the guard keeps watch in vain.

One: If you rise up early and go late to rest,

All: you eat the bread of anxious toil and do it in vain for the Lord gives sleep to his beloved.

One: The Lord watches over his beloved

All: and ensures the work he has given them is fruitful. Let us worship God!

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

Jesus warned the crowds to beware of the scribes who wanted to bring attention to themselves. We, also, risk wanting to bring attention to ourselves. Let us humbly confess our pride and aspirations for status.

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

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Mark 12*)

Gracious God, it is to you that our actions and our speech should point — that others might know you and worship you. There is nothing that we can accomplish without what you provide us. We, though, may point to our own actions expecting respect, a choice seat at the table, honor on the streets or in cyberspace, or significant wealth. Help us to remember your contribution and that we labor in vain if we aren't cooperating with and depending deeply upon you. Grow us to remember your contribution, also, in our tithes for your work on earth. Forgive our self-centeredness. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Hebrews 9*)

The author of Hebrews confesses that Jesus has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. Further, he will return a second time to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Trust in Jesus's work of forgiveness and eagerly wait for him. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from Hebrews 9*)

Alpha and Omega, God of the Israelites and God of the Gentiles, many of our ancestors had to go to the priests in their day to offer sacrifices for many and various purposes. In our day, you have offered us your Son who has been our sacrifice once and for all. We no longer sacrifice animals for our sin but offer ourselves to your very service in thankfulness for what our Lord has already done. In that Spirit, we offer these gifts for your work. Amen.

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