

Year C; Second Sunday of Easter
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29
 - or Psalm 150
 - or 2 Kings 7:1-16 and Psalm 2
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 150*)

One: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

One: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

All: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

One: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

All: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with with loud clashing cymbals!

One: Praise him with piano and organ; praise him with voice and guitar!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Let us praise and worship the LORD!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Psalm 118*)

The LORD is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation. Let us come before the God of salvation to confess our sins and to repent.

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

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Acts 5*)

All-powerful God and Creator of all that is, Peter and the other apostles answered the high priest in saying that we must obey God rather than any human authority. We, though, too, often worry that following you in every way will cost us too much. As it conflicts with the ideas of those in power, friends and family — as it conflicts with the culture or this nation, we try to bargain. We pay lip service at times; other times, we knowingly violate your will; still other times, we follow your will only to the extent other powers will allow. Forgive our unfaithfulness, and grow us into perfect obedience. Amen.

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

It is Jesus who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father. Serve God the Father and know that we are forgiven. To Jesus be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from John 20*)

Alpha and Omega, you are the beginning and the end. You have sent prophets and apostles and kings through the ages to witness to your ways. You provide us gospel writers that have recorded who Jesus is so that we might come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing we may have life in his name. In thankfulness for those you have sent, for how you send us likewise, and for new life in Jesus, we offer these tithes in his name. Amen.

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