

Year C; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 36:5-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- John 2:1-11

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 36*)

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

All: your righteousness to the clouds.

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

All: your judgements are like the great deep;

One: you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

One: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast in the abundance of your house,

All: and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

One: For with you is the fountain of life;

All: in your light we see light.

One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

All: and your salvation to the upright of heart! Let us worship God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from 1 Corinthians 12*)

The Holy Spirit has given us a variety of gifts, services, and activities — all given by one Spirit. We, though, may try to hide our gifts or impose the responsibilities on others. Other times, we don't respect the gifts of others or use our gifts in unity with others. Let us confess our sin.

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

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from 1 Corinthians 12*)

Gift-giving God, you give us the distinct honor of being workers in your service but, also, alongside you in your work. We should be as a child excited to work alongside our heavenly Father as a child might be honored to work alongside their earthly father. At times, though, we hide our gifts, we try to force activities on others to exercise gifts that are not theirs but ours, and we put down the gifts of others. Other times, we use our gifts selfishly and not in unity with others.

Forgive our sins, and grow us into faithful and excited children in your service. In the name of our Lord Jesus who modeled this perfectly. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from 1 Corinthians 12)*

We are honored to receive gifts, services, and activities from God. They are given and activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each person individually just as the Spirit chooses. This is an incredible gift! Let us discern our gifts, practice and grow our gifts, and live into Christ's service. People, then, will know us as Christians, and we will know our salvation by our love and by our fruit. Repent as necessary and know that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from John 2)*

God and Father of Jesus Christ, at the wedding of Cana, your Son, our Lord, performed his first sign as Jesus. In this first miracle, he turned water into wine to allow a celebration to continue. As you used miracles, then, to show Jesus to be the true Messiah, you offer them to us in the scriptures to testify to the same. Further, you continue to be active in our day through miraculous acts. In gratefulness for giving us reason to believe, to hope, to obey, and to love, we return to you these gifts from a portion you have already given us. Amen.

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