

Year C; Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
Developed for August 14, 2022
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Lectionary Texts

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
- Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2
- Luke 12:49-56

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 80*)

One: Hear of the works of the LORD, the Shepherd of Israel.

All: He led Joseph like a flock.

One: In the ancient Temple, he was enthroned upon the cherubim.

All: He brought a vine out of Egypt.

One: He drove out nations and planted Israel.

All: He cleared the ground for Israel;

One: Israel took root,

All: and Israel filled the land.

One: As the church is adopted into the descendants of Abraham and Isaac,

All: Great Shepherd, give ear to us.

One: Stir up your might, and come save us!

All: Turn your rebuke of us, and lead us in your ways.

One: May we never turn back from the Great Shepherd;

All: May we forever and always call upon his name above all others. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Isaiah 5*)

For his beloved Israel, God planted Israel as a beautiful vineyard — preparing the land, planting it with choice vines, guarding it with a watchtower, and providing a way to prepare its fruit — the grapes. In Israel, however, God received wild grapes rather than good grapes. Let us confess where we have been wild in going our own way rather than the way of God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Isaiah 5*)

Faithful God, as with Israel, you have given us an abundant and wonderful creation to meet our needs. You have given us what is necessary to process the harvest your good creation provides. You have given us prophets and leaders to guide us in your ways. We, though, have gone our own way; we have been as wild grapes. We have been participants in injustices against our neighbor both near and far. We pursue our own selfish gain at great cost to those around us and those in other parts of the world. We harvest more than your creation can endure at the expense of your creation and those to follow us. Restore your

people and your creation, O God. Help us to demonstrate your justice, and forgive our sinfulness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(from Hebrews 11)*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarded its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. It is through him, that we are offered forgiveness of sins and in whom we trust the same. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Hebrews 11)*

God of all, you do not expect us to live faithfully in a vacuum but have given us examples of great faithfulness such as that of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea as if on dry ground or of the Israelites encircling Jericho for seven days, or of Rahab receiving the spies in peace. In thankfulness for the examples you have given in these people and in many more, we give these offerings in faith that more might know to live into faith. Amen.

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