

Year C; Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- Luke 13:10-17

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 71*)

One: In you, O LORD, we take refuge;

All: let us never be put to shame.

One: In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us;

All: incline your ear to us and save us.

One: Be to us a rock of refuge,

All: a strong fortress, to save us, for you are our rock and our fortress.

One: Rescue us, O our God, from the hand of the wicked,

All: from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

One: For you, O LORD, are our hope,

All: our trust, O LORD, from our youth.

One: Upon you we have learned from our birth;

All: it was you who took us from our mother's womb. Our praise is continually of you. Let us praise and worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Jeremiah 1*)

When the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, he learned he was appointed a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah, however, felt unprepared claiming he didn't know how to speak for he was only a boy. Let us confess times when we have been reluctant to pursue God's call resisting his intentions.

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

God our shepherd, from the membership of your church, you call apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, leaders, speakers in tongues, and those who perform acts of power and acts of assistance. Too often, your church members can respond to your call as Jeremiah believing they are unprepared or too young. Help us to trust in your ability to give us words to speak and power to complete your work. Forgive our timidity and lack of trust. Make your calling clear to each of us, and empower us for that work. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(from Hebrews 12)*

We worship God, the judge of all, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant whose sprinkled blood speaks a better word than the blood of Abel or any other. It is through that new covenant and through his sprinkled blood that we might be forgiven and reconciled to God. Trust in the work of Jesus and in his forgiveness. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Luke 13)*

Father of compassion and God of all comfort, you sent your Son that we might have life. He came to heal but was rejected and misunderstood. He interpreted your law for religious leaders, but they held to ways that interfered with abundance for your people. You offer humankind Sabbath for our own benefit. In thankfulness for your compassion, care, and freedom, we offer these gifts that others might experience your ways of compassion, care, and freedom. Amen.

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