

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

- Jeremiah 31:27-34
- Psalm 119:97-104
- 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
- Luke 18:1-8

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 119*)

One: Oh, how I love the law of the LORD!

All: It is our meditation all day long.

One: His commandments give us wisdom;

All: they offer us understanding.

One: They hold us back from evil.

All: We will not turn away from his ordinances, for they have taught us.

One: How sweet are his words to our taste,

All: sweeter than honey to our mouths!

One: Through his precepts we get understanding;

All: therefore we hate every false way. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 2 Timothy 3-4*)

Paul commands Timothy to know the scriptures from his childhood and to be ready to proclaim the message whether the time is favorable or unfavorable. Let us confess our resistance to knowing God's word and our reluctance to proclaim that message to the world.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from 2 Timothy 3-4; Jeremiah 31*)

Almighty and loving God, you have provided us your scriptures to convince, rebuke, and encourage us. Through them, you have offered us sound doctrine. We, though, can ignore our daily devotion to your word. We can fail to know your scriptures so well that they are written on our hearts. Help us to know your scriptures, and may they inform us in all things. May they move us to share your word with people throughout the world in times and places that are favorable and times and places that are unfavorable. We ask your forgiveness for times we have been reluctant to learn and reluctant to share. Save us from those who would desire to tell us what would please our ears in conflict with your word. In the name of the one who represented you perfectly, our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(from Jeremiah 31)*

God invites us into the New Covenant — a relationship with him in which he will be our God and we will be his people, a time when his law is written on our hearts, a time when teaching one another is no longer necessary as all will know his ways. He promises he will forgive our sin and even remember our sin no more. Live into his ways, and know that you are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Luke 18)*

Father of compassion and God of all comfort, you are not as the unrighteous judge who offers justice to the widow only to address his own frustration. You are a truly righteous God who gives justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night. With thanksgiving, we offer these tithes from what you have lavished upon us for the work of your church. May they build your kingdom day-by-day. Amen.

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