

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

- Joel 2:23-32
- Psalm 65:1-13
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- Luke 18:9-14

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 65*)

One: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

All: and to you shall vows be performed.

One: You, O God, answer prayer!

All: To you, O God, all flesh shall come.

One: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

All: you forgive our transgressions.

One: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

One: O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

All: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

One: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

All: you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Luke 18*)

Our society encourages us to trust in ourselves — to believe that we are righteous in ourselves. Our faith, though, teaches us only God is righteous. Let us set pride aside, humble ourselves, and confess our sin.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Luke 18*)

God, our purifier, we can never be righteous of our own deeds. We can only appear righteous when clothed with Christ's righteousness and only become righteous through your work in us. Forgive that we may want to show our righteousness to you and to others and help us to come before you as the tax collector among the two our Lord describes in prayer. Grow us into your righteousness through the work of your Holy Spirit, and God, be merciful to us poor sinners. In the name of the only one who knew no sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(from Luke 18)*

The tax collector, who was generally despised by the people, came before the Lord with a simple prayer, with humility, and with repentance. According to our Lord Jesus, he went down to his home justified. Let us follow his model and trust in the Lord's forgiveness. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Psalm 65)*

Creator God, you visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. All that we have is rooted in your creation and your sustenance. You sustain us in all of our days. In thankfulness, we offer this portion of what you have enabled us to collect for your work on this earth. Amen.

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