

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

- Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
- Psalm 119:137-144
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
- Luke 19:1-10

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 119)*

One: You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

All: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

One: Your promise is well tried, and your servants love it.

All: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is truth.

One: Though, trouble and anguish may come upon us,

All: your commandments will remain our delight.

One: Your decrees are righteous forever;

All: give us understanding that we may live. Praise be to you, O God!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(from Luke 19)*

Jesus was accused of spending time with sinners and tax collectors, but in so doing, some came to faith. Let us confess where we are unwilling to associate with those we or our culture may despise.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Luke 19)*

God and Father of Jesus Christ, our Lord encountered Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, who was despised by the people. Against the scorn of the people, Jesus called him down out of a tree and went to his house to share a meal. We, though, avoid people our culture scorns and miss chances to see transformation in them and in us. This invitation led Zacchaeus to be generous to the poor and to pay back anyone he had wronged. We can hold on to our wealth and to our pride. Forgive us, Lord, for our selfishness, and lead us into a life that models Jesus and the new life seen in Zacchaeus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(from Luke 19)*

Through Jesus' invitation and his presence, Zacchaeus's life was transformed. Jesus pronounced, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Be transformed, and trust in the salvation and forgiveness of the Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from 2 Thessalonians 1)*

Gracious God, you are the Almighty with every power to transform this world of your own power. You, though, have invited us to be change-makers in this world working to create your kingdom in this place. In this way, we are made worthy of your call to complete every good resolve and work of faith by your power. May the name of the Lord Jesus be glorified, and may we be glorified in him. In thankfulness that you invite people such as us into your divine work and plan, we give these offerings. Amen.

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