

Year A; Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Genesis 12:1-9
- Psalm 33:1-12
- Romans 4:13-25
- Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 33*)

One: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

All: Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with harp of ten strings.

One: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

One: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

All: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

One: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

All: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

One: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

All: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

One: The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

All: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Psalm 33*)

The Psalmist writes, "For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD." We, though, are not righteous and do not always pursue justice. Let us confess where we have missed the mark of God's requirements. Let us confess our sin.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*30 seconds*)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Psalm 33; Genesis 12; Romans 4*)

Gracious God, we know of your steadfast love offered to us and throughout the earth. We know of your love for righteousness and justice and your commands to us. We, though, are not righteous and pursue our own interests over justice. Further, we can utter words of belief without exercising full faith and trust in you and in your ways — a faith that you have given us. Forgive our failure to exercise faith and to promote your ways. Grow your faith in us and move us to full commitment to you — a faith modeled by our ancestor Abraham in going as you called him while leaving much of the world he knew behind. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Romans 4*)

Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness not just for Abraham but for us also. It was reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Friends, hear and believe this good news.

All: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from Psalm 33*)

God, our provider, you have gifted us with your upright word giving us revelation to who you are and how you desire we live. You fill the world with steadfast love including a love that maintains relationship with us despite our failures. You spoke into being the heavens and the earth — an earth that provides us with all that we need. It is with our gratefulness for all your benefits that we give these tithes for your work. Guide our church leaders to invest them wisely for your kingdom. Amen.

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