

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

- Genesis 22:1-14
- Psalm 13:1-6
- Romans 6:12-23
- Matthew 10:40-42

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 13*)

One: Though, we might feel abandoned and cry out, "How long, O LORD? Will you forget us forever?"

All: We might ask, "How long will you hide your face from us?"

One: We might bear pain in our our souls and have sorrow in our hearts all day long.

All: We might see our enemy exalted over us.

One: In such trouble, consider and answer us, O LORD our God!

All: But we will trust in your steadfast love; our hearts will rejoice in your salvation.

One: We will sing to the LORD,

All: because he has dealt bountifully with us. Let us worship God!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*alternate, from Psalm 13*)

One: We trust in God's steadfast love

All: our hearts shall rejoice in his salvation.

One: We will sing to the Lord,

All: because he has dealt bountifully with us. Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Romans 6*)

We are told not to let sin exercise dominion in our mortal bodies — not to let ourselves obey sin's passions. Let us now confess our sins, turn the other way, and live in obedience to our Lord Jesus. Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we too often sin by letting the world, the passions of our old selves, and the influences around us have some authority over our bodies and over our lives. Forgive our sins, and transform us into instruments of your righteousness. In the name of the one who shows us righteousness, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Romans 6*)

Paul invites us to present ourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and to present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness. Let us live into these commands and, as we do, live assured of God's forgiveness. Friends, hear and believe this good news.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from Matthew 10*)

God, our provider, you call us to abide in you and promise that you will abide in us. Thank you that despite our sinfulness, you are willing to call us your own people. You tell us that when one welcomes us, they likewise welcome you. Continue to grow us ever more closely to you. In our thankfulness, we offer gifts from our labors only enabled through you and ask that you would oversee their investment in your work by the church. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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