

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

- Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
- Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
- Romans 10:5-15
- Matthew 14:22-33

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 105*)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

All: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, adopted sons and daughters, his chosen ones.

One: When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

All: he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

One: His feet were hurt with shackles, his neck was put in a collar of iron;

All: until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.

One: The king sent and released him; the ruler of the prophets set him free.

All: He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,

One: to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

All: Let us praise and worship the Lord!

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All: his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered. Let us worship God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Romans 10*)

Moses wrote concerning the righteousness that comes from the law that the person who does these things will live by them. Humanity has demonstrated, though, that no one can fully live by the law and gain righteousness through the law. In humbleness and in faith, let us confess our sins to God.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Romans 10; Matthew 14*)

Lord Jesus, we know that true righteousness can only be gained through faith, but our faith can so often be feeble. Even at our best, you may say “come,” and we may venture out, but as Peter noticed the strong winds, we can also notice challenge and falter. Forgive our lack of faith, and build faith within us. Enable us to place our primary trust in you alone. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Romans 10*)

Hear the good news! The scriptures testify that if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. Trust in Jesus Christ, and be at peace knowing you have been forgiven through that same Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from Romans 10*)

Gracious God, initially you established your covenant promise with and through the Israelites, but in Jesus, you extended your promise directly to people of all nations. Despite that our faith falters, you remain faithful. Despite that we cannot keep the law in its fullness, you still offer us eternal life. With thankfulness that you have chosen us and offered us abundant and eternal life, we offer these gifts from our labors. Invest them wisely for your purposes. In the name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

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