

**Year A; Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for October 22, 2023**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalm 99
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Matthew 22:15-22

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 99*)

- One: The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble!  
**All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- One: The LORD is great in Zion;  
**All: he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- One: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!  
**All: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
- One: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!  
**All: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**
- One: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.  
**All: O LORD, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
- One: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.  
**All: Let us worship the LORD our God!**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*alternate, from Psalm 99*)

- One: The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble!  
**All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- One: The Lord is great in Zion;  
**All: he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- One: Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
**All: Holy is he! Let us worship God!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Psalm 99*)

The Psalmist writes of God's relationship with the Israelites, "O Lord our God, you answered them: you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings." Let us, also, come before God in humility and ask his forgiveness for our wrongdoings.

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Matthew 22*)

**Jesus answers the Pharisees in saying, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” Too often, Lord, our priorities are upside down. We give what is yours to others or hoard them for ourselves. Forgive our failure to acknowledge that everything originates with you. Forgive our multitude of sins, and make us holy. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Psalm 99*)

The scriptures testify in multiple places that God is a forgiving God. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy. Repent and know that you are forgiven. Friends, hear and believe this good news.

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from 1 Thessalonians 1*)

**Merciful God, your word is clear in the benefits of Christ’s resurrection. Only he could overcome death that we might share in his righteousness. Only he had the power that we might be raised to new life. Only he could demonstrate a sure pledge of our own resurrection. With thanksgiving for his merciful acts on our behalf, we offer these gifts for the work of your church in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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