

Year B; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 139*)

One: Where can we go from your spirit, O God?

All: Or where can we flee from your presence?

One: If we ascend to heaven, you are there;

All: if we make our bed in Sheol, you are there.

One: If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

All: even there your hand shall lead us, and your right hand shall hold us fast.

One: If we say, "Surely the darkness shall cover us, and the light around us become night,"

All: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

One: There is none like you, O God, for we cannot flee from your presence,

All: and nothing about us is a secret to you. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 1 Corinthians 6*)

As we receive and trust in our Lord Jesus, we become one spirit with him. When we do what he has commanded us not to do, or when we fail to do what he has commanded us to do, we tarnish his image, and we violate that spirit of unity. Let us remember he has bought us with a price and confess where we have strayed from our Lord's ways.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Psalm 139*)

Gracious God, you have searched us and know us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away. You, O Lord, know the sins of our minds, our hearts, and bodies. You know where we have strayed from your will. But you have bought us with a price. Forgive our sins, and restore our minds, our hearts, and our bodies according to your will and your plans for us. We pray this in the name of the one who suffered death that we might live. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from John 3)*

Our Lord Jesus did buy each of us with a price, but he did so in love for his creation. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Trust and believe in Jesus, 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 Samuel 3 and John 1)*¹

God of grace and mercy, we thank you that you have given us the church — a fellowship of believers gathered to worship you, to serve you, to become disciples, and to serve the world. Further, we thank you for willing leaders you have chosen, ordained, and installed on this day into this your church. In thankfulness for this and many blessings, we offer up to you a portion of what you have given us for your work on earth. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¹ Written with focus on Installation of New Officers

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