

Year B; Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts (Semicontinuous)

- 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
- Psalm 9:9-20
 - Or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16
- Psalm 133
- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- Mark 4:35-41

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 9*)

One: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
All: a stronghold in times of trouble.
One: And those who know your name put their trust in you,
All: for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
One: Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.
All: Declare his deeds among the peoples.
One: He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
All: Be gracious to us, O LORD.
One: Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail;
All: let the nations be judged before you.
One: Declare God's deeds among the peoples.
All: Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP (*alternate, from Psalm 9*)

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All: a stronghold in times of trouble.
One: And those who know your name put their trust in you,
All: for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
One: Declare God's deeds among the peoples.
All: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 1 Samuel 17*)

When David went before Goliath to defend all of Israel, he didn't come before Goliath with great armor and weapons but with a few rocks and a slingshot saying, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled." Let us come before the Almighty, rely on him, and confess our sins.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from 1 Samuel 17*)

Almighty and merciful God, we often put our trust in wealth and power — a powerful nation and powerful weapons. Such powers, are powerless against you, O Lord. Forgive us for relying on earthly powers in place of you; help us to stand steadfast alongside you, the Lord of hosts. In the name of the One who chose not to use his power against earthly forces in every circumstance that we might be saved. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from 2 Corinthians 6*)

The Apostle Paul provides this reassurance from God, “I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Trust in God’s promises and way, and know that you are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from Mark 4:35-41*)

Merciful and gracious God, you are a constant support through the storms of life — through health issues, through tragedy, through grief, through crisis, and through much, much, more. We offer our thanks for your constant support and ask you to enable us to rely on your Spirit with more urgency and depth. In thankfulness for this and your other, many blessings, please use these gifts for the work of your church in this world. Amen.

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