

Year B; Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts (semicontinuous)

- 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
- Psalm 138:1-8
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- Mark 3:20-35

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 138*)

One: We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole hearts; before the gods we sing your praise;

All: we bow down toward you and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

One: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

All: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

One: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

All: Though we may walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us against the wrath of our enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers us.

One: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for each of us;

All: your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 1 Samuel 8*)

When Samuel grew old and his sons did not follow his ways, the elders demanded a king despite what Samuel and God recommended. Let us gather before God to confess when we have pursued our path against God's warnings.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from 1 Samuel 8*)

Almighty God, you work to guide us in ways of righteousness and ways that will be good for us, but we too often decide not to follow your way — sometimes not even to seek your ways. We substitute other leaders in place of you. We seek substitute plans. We want to pick and choose which of your requirements we follow. We seek to follow you partially — even seeking a partial gospel but not willing to accept only partial benefits from you — even if this was on offer or possible. Forgive our waywardness, and restore us to your path. In the name of the one who followed that perfectly, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from 2 Corinthians 4)*

The Apostle Paul writes, "...we know that the one who raised our Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us ... into his presence." Trust in God's promises and his ways, and know that you are forgiven.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Mark 3)*

Gracious God, when our Lord came to walk with humanity, the world did not understand him. When he cast out demons, some accused him of being the foreign so-called god who ruled demons. But Lord Jesus was the one God, who rules all. Though not the ruler they followed by choice, he had power to control them for good. Shortly thereafter, Jesus told the people that they would be forgiven for the sins and whatever blasphemies they might utter save those against the Holy Spirit. In thankfulness for his grace and power, we present these offerings for his work through the church. Amen.

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