

Year B; Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Job 1:1, 2:1-10
- Psalm 26:1-12
- Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- Mark 10:2-16

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 26*)

One: Vindicate us, O Lord, for we endeavor to walk with integrity;

All: we endeavor to trust in you, O Lord, without wavering.

One: We endeavor to walk in faithfulness with you,

All: we do not sit with the worthless

One: nor do we consort with hypocrites,

All: and we hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

One: We go around your altar, O Lord,

All: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wonderful deeds.

One: Our feet stand on level ground;

All: in the great congregation, we will bless the Lord!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Psalm 26*)

We endeavor to walk with integrity and we endeavor to trust in God, but we fall very short of that goal. Let us confess our sins and trust in God's forgiveness and ability to perfect us.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (30 seconds)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Hebrews 1-2 and Mark 10*)

What are human beings, O Lord, that you are mindful of them, or mortals that you care for them? Despite that you have made us a little lower than angels and crowned us with glory and honor, we fail to live the part. Forgive us for where we have broken relationships rather than sought reconciliation. Forgive us that rather than honoring and imitating the way children seek you, we keep you at a distance, try to tame you, and work to 'supplement' your teachings with our own. Forgive our sins and raise us into the daughters and sons you have created us to be. Grow us into brothers and sisters to the one who came that we might be forgiven, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Hebrews 1-2*)

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make Jesus, the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For it is Jesus who sanctifies and with him, we have one Father. Trust in his sanctification and in his forgiveness. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from Hebrews 1-2*)

Almighty God, long ago, you spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days you have spoken to us by a Son, whom you appointed heir of all things and through whom you created the worlds and all that is around us. With gratefulness for your witness to us in Jesus Christ and for the abundance of your world, we offer these gifts for your continued work. Amen.

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