Year B; Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Liturgical Elements

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Lectionary Texts

- Job 23:1-9, 16-17

- Psalm 22:1-15

- Hebrews 4:12-16

- Mark 10:17-31

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

One: Our God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

All: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

One: To you they cried, and were saved;

All: in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

One: Let us commit our cause to the Lord; let him deliver —

All: let him rescue the one in whom he delights! Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Hebrews 4)

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins and trust in God's mercy.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (30 seconds)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Mark 10*)

Merciful God, Jesus testifies as recorded by Mark that no one is good but God alone. You command against murder, hate, adultery, lust, theft, covetousness, bearing false witness, defrauding, and dishonoring our parents and those who govern us. To any one of us, you may tell us as the rich person to sell all that we have, give the money to the poor, and follow you. We, though, violate various of your commandments and follow our own desires and judgment. Forgive our sins and grow us into steadfast faithfulness in our Lord and his ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from Hebrews 4)

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Put your trust in him and trust in his word and his forgiveness. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from Hebrews 4 and Mark 10)

Gracious God, if it were left to our works, we would surely perish in the end. For mortals, many things are impossible, but not for you; for you all things are possible. We thank you that you offer salvation even when there is not perfection. We thank you that you are working to perfect us even where our will attempts to resist yours. In response, we offer these tithes for the work of your church. Amen.

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