

Year C; Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
Developed for June 29, 2025
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Lectionary Texts

- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
- Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalms 77*)

One: We will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;

All: we will remember your wonders of old.

One: We will meditate on all your work,

All: and muse on your mighty deeds.

One: Your way, O God, is holy.

All: What god is so great as our God?

One: You are the God who works wonders;

All: you have displayed your might among the peoples. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Galatians 5*)

God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but we too often are too concerned that we will lose out, that our needs and desires will not be met, and that our time is too short to look beyond ourselves. Let us confess where we have been self-indulgent.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Galatians 5*)

Gracious God, you have set us free through Christ. You call us to use our freedom not for our own self-indulgence but to become slaves to one another through love. We though, are prone to bite and devour and neglect one another looking to please our own flesh rather than living by your Spirit. Forgive our self-centeredness, and grow us into obedience to your Spirit and in imitation of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Galatians 5*)

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires, and those who belong to Christ Jesus have been promised the Kingdom of God. Let us live by the Spirit, and let us also be guided by that same Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Psalm 77)*

As we meditate on your work and your mighty deeds, O God, we find your way holy. What God is greater than you? You work wonders, and you display your might among the peoples. Accept these gifts as a portion of that which you have blessed us for your continued work in the world. Amen.

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