

Year C; Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Isaiah 12
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-19

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Isaiah 65*)

- One: The LORD is about to create a new heavens and a new earth;
All: the former things shall not be remembered nor come to mind.
- One: We will be glad and rejoice forever in what he is creating;
All: he will create Jerusalem as a joy, and his people as a delight.
- One: Even he will rejoice in Jerusalem;
All: even he will rejoice in his people.
- One: There will be no more sound of weeping heard in it,
All: there will be no more cry of distress in it.
- One: No infant will die young;
All: no old person will fail to live out a lifetime.
- One: Those who build houses shall inherit them;
All: those who plant vineyards shall eat their fruit.
- One: One will not build and another inhabit;
All: one will not plant and another eat. Let us worship God!

(ALTERNATE) CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 12*)

- One: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
All: make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.
- One: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
All: let his glorious deeds be known in all the earth.
- One: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
All: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from 2 Thessalonians 3*)

Regarding the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah, we can become mere busybodies — not sharing the gospel message with those around us and not fulfilling our calling. Let us confess where we have failed to fulfill God's calling and the responsibilities he has assigned to us.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from 2 Thessalonians 3)*

Father of mercies, the Apostle Paul wrote of some in his day he had heard were living in idleness and as mere busybodies. They were not doing any work and depending on the others within the new Christian fellowship. You have given each of us giftings for the benefit of your body, the church. You have called us to particular ministries and to take your gospel message to those who have not heard and have not accepted. We, at times, can ignore our responsibilities. We can become mere busybodies thrown from task to task by the direction of the world around us. Help us to know your calling, to focus upon your work, and to contribute our share. Forgive our idleness and busyness and our dependence on others for what we are called to offer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(from Isaiah 12)*

Though God may be angry at us for a time due to our sinfulness, he does also turn his anger away and offer comfort. He is our salvation. Trust in him and do not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is our strength and our might. He has become our salvation. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from Isaiah 65)*

Almighty God, you have promised us that one day our world will be made perfect. Even wolf and lamb will feed together; the lion shall eat straw as the ox does. There will be no hurt nor destruction on all your holy mountain. We won't even remember the challenges of this time. With thankfulness and with hope for the fullness of your kingdom, we offer these gifts from the abundance you have offered us. May your kingdom come! Amen.

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