

The Lay Reader's Script for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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After the Prelude, please begin the Call to Worship...

One: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

All: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'

One: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

All: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

One: I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted'; I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'

All: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

One: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

All: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.

One: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

After the Gloria Patri, and after everyone is seated, please say...**"Let us pray our Prayer for Illumination."**

O Lord who has chosen to dwell in the hearts of those who love Your Son: So direct the eyes of our faith towards You, that we may receive a heavenly illumination through the hearing of Your Word. Help us to fully realize the authority of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Purify our understanding of Your grace so that we not abuse the freedom that has been given to us. Remind us that we have been set aside to do Your will in spreading the Gospel, and that we are called to be holy just as You are holy. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

And now the Old Testament Reading from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 18 "A New Prophet Like Moses":

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.