

**Year C; Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Genesis 45:3-11, 15
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 37*)

One: Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**All: so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

One: Take delight in the LORD,

**All: and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

One: Commit your way to the LORD;

**All: trust in him, and he will act.**

One: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;

**All: he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

One: The LORD helps them and rescues them;

**All: he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him. Let us worship God!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Genesis 45*)

After being harmed by his brothers through ridicule and sale into slavery, Joseph showed mercy and forgiveness to his brothers. Let us confess where we have failed to show that same mercy and forgiveness to those who have wronged us.

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (30 seconds)

**\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Luke 6*)

**Almighty God, your ways are a challenge for us. You call us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who abuse us. We too often desire evil for those who have caused us harm and wished evil for us. Forgive our failure to live into your ways, and help us to love, to do good, to bless, and to pray for those who wish ill upon us and cause us harm. Grow us into your ways and into those of our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from 1 Corinthians 15*)

The Apostle Paul describes the last man, Jesus, as being a life-giving spirit — a man from heaven. He offers forgiveness to those who repent and follow him. He offers eternal life to those who grow to walk in his ways. Follow Jesus, and know that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from Genesis 45, Romans 8*)

**Gracious God, though others may harm us as Joseph's brothers harmed him, you can turn very difficult circumstances into eventual blessings as demonstrated in Joseph being raised to second in charge in Egypt. As Paul writes, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." In thankfulness that you don't leave us to the evil of this world nor to the assumed finality of death, we offer these gifts in thankfulness for your continued work. Amen.**

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