

**Year C; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for August 7, 2022**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
- Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- Luke 12:32-40

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 50*)

One: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

**All: from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

One: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**All: God shines forth.**

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence,

**All: before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.**

One: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,

**All: that he may judge his people;**

One: Gather the faithful ones,

**All: who made a covenant by sacrifice.**

One: The heavens declare his righteousness,

**All: for God himself is judge.**

One: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor God;

**All: to those who go the right way, he will show his salvation. Let us worship God!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Isaiah 1*)

The prophet Isaiah received a vision from God expressing his frustration at their sacrifices because they were empty and without obedience to the law and concern for the oppressed. Let us humbly confess when our worship has been similar to their in its hollowness.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Isaiah 1*)

**Merciful God, we come to worship to worship the living God with hopes of receiving your blessing and approval. You know our hearts and the desires behind our actions. You, though, expect us to learn to do good, to seek justice, to rescue the oppressed, to defend the orphan, and to plead for the widow. We have not always sought good, walking by those in need of help and pursuing our benefit over true justice. Forgive our selfishness and our lack of care, and give us a spirit willing to pursue the good you desire in us and for the world. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from Isaiah 1)*

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing to be obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. Let us live into obedience to God's will and trust in his forgiveness. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from Luke 12)*

**Gracious God, our Lord Jesus told his followers not to be afraid for it is your good pleasure to give us the kingdom. You adopt us as sons and daughters; you offer us forgiveness and salvation. You provide for us through your plentiful creation. With thankfulness, we offer these gifts from the portion you have given us for your work in creating your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

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