

**Year C; Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for August 28, 2022**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Jeremiah 2:4-13
- Psalm 81:1, 10-16
- Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- Luke 14:1, 7-14

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 81*)

One: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**All: shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**

One: He is the LORD your God,

**All: the one who brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.**

One: Open your mouths wide

**All: and he will fill it.**

One: If only God's people would listen to him,

**All: that the people of God would walk in his ways,**

One: he would protect and defend his people,

**All: he would feed them with the finest of wheat,**

One: he would satisfy them with honey.

**All: Let us sing aloud and shout for joy to the God of Jacob!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Jeremiah 2*)

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of his people that they have gone far from God, pursued worthless things, and become worthless themselves. Let us confess where we have gone our own way and ask God's forgiveness.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Jeremiah 2 and Luke 14*)

**God of Jacob and God of all and in all time, we like the people Jeremiah addresses go our own ways. We defile your land. We and our leaders fail to provide an example to the world as you call us to exhibit. We hold things more dear to us than you and grasp for those in difficult times; though, they do not profit us. We pursue things, wealth, personal power, instant self-gratification, and attention before we seek you. We invite to our homes those who can benefit us today rather than those who cannot repay us. Forgive our pursuit of worthless things and for the people they cause us to become. Grow us into the people you intend us to be. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** *(from Luke 14)*

Jesus taught his disciples and teaches us today that if we focus on bringing benefit to those outside of ourselves and those who cannot repay us, we will be blessed and repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. Grasp onto God and his ways and trust in this resurrection of the righteous offered to us by Jesus through his humility in crucifixion and resurrection. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from Hebrews 13)*

**Loving God, you are working to reconcile the world to you and consequently between all things on earth. You teach and demonstrate the way of mutual love rather than the pursuit of selfish gain. Though you had every right to abandon your creation in its sinfulness, you were steadfast and continue to be so today that these lofty and good ends will one day be achieved. With thankfulness for your steadfastness, we offer these gifts for the pursuit of your sure kingdom. Amen.**

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