

**Year C; Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for October 2, 2022**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26
- Psalm 137:1-9
- 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- Luke 17:5-10

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Lamentations 1, 3*)

One: Though the Israelites were forced from their land, and a city that was once full of people was lonely,

**All: though the people of Judah had gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude,**

One: though Judah's foes had become her masters and her enemies prospered,

**All: though they were left without a nation and in a deep depression,**

One: we join the Judahites in calling to mind and having hope:

**All: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,**

One: his mercies never come to an end;

**All: they are new every morning; great is the faithfulness of the LORD.**

One: The LORD is our portion,

**All: therefore we will hope in him. Let us worship God!**

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

The author of Lamentations writes that the LORD has made Zion to suffer for the multitudes of her transgressions. God, though, has offered us a high priest to whom we can confess our transgressions, receive the grace of God, and enjoy reconciliation and his forgiveness. Let us offer our confessions to God.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from 2 Timothy 1*)

**Gracious God, we come to you an imperfect people; we come to you a sinful people. Though, we like to think of ourselves as your people — as your royal and faithful servants, we put our interests too often ahead of yours. We enter the world timidly regarding our faith and with our own desires instead of living in a spirit of power and love and self-discipline. We allow the world to form our ways rather than your word and your Spirit. Forgive our sin, O God. Help us to grow into humble power rooted in love and self-discipline as demonstrated through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** *(from 2 Timothy 1)*

We worship the living God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling. This was not due to our own works but according to his own purpose and grace given to us in Christ Jesus. Through him, death was abolished, and life and immortality was brought to light through the gospel. Trust and follow him, and trust in his forgiveness.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from 2 Timothy 1)*

**Merciful God, despite our faults and our failures in following you, you give us divine and important work. You grant us gifts for the building up of your body, the church, and for the engagement of those who do not know you. You give us your Spirit to help guard these treasurers not so that they may be hidden but so that we may fulfill your purposes in granting them. We offer these tithes given from the resources you have given us. Guide our church leadership in investing them for your work. Amen.**

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