

**Year C; Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for July 10, 2022**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- Amos 7:7-17
- Psalm 82:1-8
- Colossians 1:1-14
- Luke 10:25-37

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalms 82*)

One: God has taken his place in the divine council;

**All: in the midst of the gods he holds judgment.**

One: He calls us to give justice to the weak and the orphan,

**All: to maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.**

One: Let us rescue the weak and the needy;

**All: let us deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

One: Rise up, O God, judge the earth;

**All: for all the nations belong to you! Let us worship God!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Luke 10*)

In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus describes a priest, a Levite, and a Samaritan who come upon a man robbed, beaten, and left to die. When the priest and the Levite come upon the man left to die, they avoid him and continue on their way. The Good Samaritan provides extensive care and support. Let us confess when we have withheld our love and care for our neighbors near and far.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Luke 10 and Colossians 1*)

**Loving God, our Lord Jesus calls us to show mercy to those around us – to live as the Good Samaritan who interrupted his journey, gave of his time and treasure, and helped a person who likely despised him. We are far too likely to avoid areas of our community and our world where those in need of mercy more often frequent – areas of impoverishment, prisons, community missions, food pantries, and other places. Forgive our lack of mercy and love toward our neighbor. Fill us with knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom so that we may live lives worthy of and pleasing to our Lord Jesus. Lead us to bear good fruit. Amen.**

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

Those who are in Christ, God has rescued from the power of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom they have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Live into Christ, and trust in the forgiveness he has won for us. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from Colossians 1)*

**Gracious God, you have laid up hope for your saints in heaven and given us that hope through your truth, the gospel that you have given us. We trust that you are renewing the whole world through this hope and that you will continue to bear fruit through your saints throughout the world. By our trust in the hope you have given us, we offer these offerings for that longed for work of transformation. Amen.**

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