

**Year B; Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for July 14, 2024**  
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**Lectionary Texts** (Semicontinuous)

- 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
- Psalm 24
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 24*)

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

**All: for the Lord has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, and do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

One: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** (*from Psalm 24*)

If the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it — even those of us who live in it, how can we rightly choose against God's will? All upon which we rely — even our very selves belong to him. Let us confess where we have strayed from God's will, change our ways, and trust in his forgiveness.

**\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Psalm 24 and Ephesians 1*)

**Loving God, you chose those in Christ before the foundation of the world, but you chose them for a purpose — to be holy and blameless before Christ in love. We, though, fail to meet your standard. We can be unholy; we can be full of blame for the consequences of our sinful actions. We can fail to live in love of neighbor and enemy. Forgive our sins, and renew your Holy Spirit in us. Remind us that we are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit that we might live to your glory. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Ephesians 1*)

The Apostle Paul writes, “In Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.” Repent, and trust in God’s forgiveness. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*IN UNISON*)

**Gracious God, you have made available to us your creation across this earth, and our Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed us with his blood and offered us forgiveness for our trespasses. You have lavished on us riches of your grace despite our failures. In thankfulness for your grace and your blessings, we offer these gifts for your work. Amen.**

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