Year C; Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts
- Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
- Psalm 66:1-12
- 2 Timothy 2:8-15
- Luke 17:11-19

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 66)*

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth
All: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
One: Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
All: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.
One: There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might for ever,
All: whose eyes keep watch on the nations — let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
All: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION *(from 2 Timothy 2)*
We too often put our interests before the interests of others and in so doing destroy our witness to the gospel for the world. Let us confess where we put our interests before others and before our God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from 2 Timothy 2)*
Father of mercies, the Apostle Paul writes that we should be warned before you that we are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Too often, Lord, we are too worried about our own interests — sometimes even about winning an argument or presenting ourselves as having a worthiness of our own, and we destroy our witness to you. Forgive our efforts to build our own kingdoms and not your kingdom. Soften the hearts of those we have offended and those we might have turned from your gospel. Help us to build your kingdom for it is the only one that is everlasting. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon *(from 2 Timothy 2)*
The Apostle Paul writes of Jesus Christ, "The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself." Let us die to ourselves and live with Jesus; let us endure and one day reign with him. Accept his forgiveness, and be at peace. **Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication *(from Luke 17)*
God and Father of Jesus Christ. When ten lepers called out to our Lord for healing, he healed all ten, but only one, a Samaritan, turned back to praise God and thank Jesus. We come before you offering our thanks and praise for you have spared us from death, which we deserve, and offered us forgiveness and eternal life. With thanksgiving, we offer these gifts. Guide our leaders to invest them well for your eternal kingdom. Amen.

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