



Living in the Spirit

◆ 3rd Sunday Ord Time - We Witness To You

Call to Prayer and Sharing

❖ *Invitation to Prayer - Leader*

Let us begin,
Now, here in this place
With a moment of silence
to reflect,
to focus,
to be attentive to ourselves,
to one another,
and to the presence of Christ.

May the Lord come and increase our faith. *(reflective pause)*

❖ *Opening Song - If time allows, sing a familiar hymn or song.*

❖ *Then: "In the name of the Father and of the Son"*

The Word of God

❖ *Leader: Let us welcome God's Word into our hearts.*

All: Fill our minds that we may hear your wisdom.
Touch our lips that we may speak your truth.
Hold in our hearts that we may always follow you.
Come now, O Word of God.

From Mark 1: 14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;
they were fishermen.
Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee,
and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.
So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
along with the hired men and followed him.

The Word of the Lord...

❖ *At the conclusion of the reading, briefly pause for quiet reflection.*

Faith Sharing/Question of the Week (consider sharing on either question)

❖ **Adult:** Jesus brings about the kingdom of God surprisingly "through" me when I ...?

❖ **Mixed Ages:** What can you do this week to show you believe in the Good News?

Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow a few minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of 3 or 4 for faith sharing.

❖ *When the sharing comes to an end, the leader invites everyone to take a moment to silently and reverently hold what has been shared together.*

Litany of Faith

Leader: Christ Jesus,
you call us by name to follow you.
We will do so, We will follow you.

All: Yes, we will leave our nets behind, and witness to you, O Christ!

Leader: Christ Jesus,
you call us by name to surrender everything to serve you.
We will do so, We will follow you.

All: Yes, we will leave our nets behind, and witness to you, O Christ!

Leader: Christ Jesus,
you call us by name to teach, serve, and minister with compassion.
We will do so, We will follow you.

All: Yes, we will leave our nets behind, and witness to you, O Christ!

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God,
we know that you are with us here,
and we have taken your Word into our hearts.
You call us all to conversion,
we who are here in this place,
and we who are now ready to welcome you into our lives.
We are ready,
we are willing,
and we are yours.
So we surrender to you
our aches and longings into one as we pray:
Our Father...

Continue with the Meeting

Final Blessing

Leader: Now let us bless one another:

All: May God bless and keep us, may God smile upon us.
May God show us kindness, fill us with peace.
And may God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
may we always love and serve,
filled with God's Peace. Amen.

Leader: *Conclude the meeting or sing a closing song.*

Reflection Question to take home for the week: How has this Word touched or challenged my understanding of God? About faith? About the Church?