



## Living in the Spirit

### ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – Make Us Whole

#### **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 1:40-45 (Healing of a leper)**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."  
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,  
"I do will it. Be made clean."  
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.  
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,  
but go, show yourself to the priest  
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.  
He spread the report abroad  
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
He remained outside in deserted places,  
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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:** Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

##### ❖ **Mixed Ages:** What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

*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, we know that if you want to,  
you can free us from our pride and arrogance.

Come heal us, make us whole.

**All:** Lord, if you want to, you can make me whole.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, we know that if you want to,  
you can free us from our anxiety and fear.

Come heal us, make us whole.

**All:** Lord, if you want to, you can make me whole.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, we know that if you want to,  
you can free us from our demons.

Come heal us, make us whole.

**All:** Lord, if you want to, you can make me whole.

### ***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?