



Living in the Spirit
◆ **2nd Sunday Lent**
It Is Good to Be Here

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*)
(*pause for Silence*)

❖ *If time allows, sing a familiar hymn or refrain from Sunday's Responsorial Psalm.*

❖ *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.*

○ *Sing: May the Word be a lamp for our feet and a light to guide our path!*

From Matthew 17:1-9 (Jesus transfigured)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light.
And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here.
If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,
then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."
When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid.
But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."
And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them,
"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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:** How does knowing Christ transform your life?

❖ **Mixed Ages:** How does knowing who Jesus is make your life better?

For further reflection and discussion

❖ How does this influence and affect what we are doing here at this gathering?

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, God's brilliant light which transforms us,
It is good to be in your presence,

It is good to be here.

All: Lord, it is good to be here.

Leader: Christ Jesus, God's beloved Son and voice of truth,
It is good to be in your presence,

It is good to be here.

All: Lord, it is good to be here.

Leader: Christ Jesus, our path and friend in all we experience,
It is good to be in your presence,

It is good to be here.

All: Lord, it is good to be here.

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.*