



Living in the Spirit
◆ **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Chosen Daughters, Chosen Sons

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.*

○ *Sing to the melody of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow".*

Open our minds to, know you Lord;
Open our hearts to, hear your voice;
Open our hearts now, to your Word;
Come to us now, O Lord, our God.

From Luke 9:28b-36 (As Jesus prayed, he was transformed)

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

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:** What do you most want God to help you with?

❖ **Mixed Ages:** What do you most want God to help you with?

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, you call us to climb our mountains,
and to seek you in prayer.

Transform us, Lord. Transform us.

All: Transform us, as you, transfigured; chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you call us to climb our mountains,
and be open to the glory and wonder of your presence.

Transform us, Lord. Transform us.

All: Transform us, as you, transfigured; chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you call us to return from our mountains,
and to seek you and serve your people.

Transform us, Lord. Transform us.

All: Transform us, as you, transfigured; chosen daughters, chosen sons.

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.*