



The Word

Second Sunday of Lent

Week of March 17, 2019

Call to Prayer and Sharing

- ◆ *Leader invites all into a few moments of silent reflection to remember that we are in the presence of God. (reflective pause)*

- ◆ *Then: “In the name of the Father and of the Son . . .”*

The Word of God

- ◆ *Leader reads part or all of one of the scripture texts from the previous Sunday.*

Luke 9:28b–36

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.

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

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Faith Sharing

- ♦ *Leader reminds everyone of the Question of the Week which relates to the particular group gathered*

Child: What are your favorite ways to pray?

Teens: What is the most amazing thing that you have ever seen that reminded you of God?

Adult:

We offer this form of contemplative sharing for pondering Scripture while considering the question, and for the faith sharing which follows.

- **Listen/ Read (Lectio):** Ponder God's word and listen for what touches your heart.
- **Meditate (Meditatio):** Notice what you notice. Allow God's word to resonate in you.
- **Speak/Share (Oratio):** Prayerfully share with the group your thoughts and feelings.
- **Rest in God's presence (Contemplatio):** Notice God's presence and be still, surrounded by God's love.

Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow about 15 minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of three or four 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.*
- ♦ *Continue with the meeting, turning to the agenda.*

Concluding the meeting

At the end of the meeting, the leader closes with the following prayer:

Good and Gracious God,
your love for us surpasses all understanding.
As we leave here today,
be with us in all our comings and goings,
and in all that we say and do.
We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus who is our Light.
Amen.