

Scripture Prayer For The Week



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"Once...
when Jesus...
was praying alone..." (Luke 9:18)

Lent Year A Week 2

We Gather: In the prayer space, have the bible opened at the Gospel reading. The stand or table is draped with Lenten purple. A shiny white garment or fabric is draped along the purple of the Lenten cloth on the prayer table. The ash bowl may still be on the table.

Leader: The Word of the Lord is faithful
All: And all your works are to be trusted

Leader: The Lord loves justice and right
All: The earth is filled with your love

We Listen: The Gospel. Matthew 17:1-9
Read the gospel passage reflectively. After a time of silent reflection, the line from scripture below could be repeated and the short commentary read.
"Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John, and led them up a mountain." Mt 17:1

Commentary:
This well-known story touches us because, in our deepest hearts, we all wish to see and know the glory of God. Because of Jesus, we are invited by name as were Peter, James and John, to come with him and experience the vision of God. We are led to share with the mighty prophets Moses and Elijah, a conversation with the one who is "I AM". This is intimacy with the divine at its fullest for us here on earth. It is only when we accompany Jesus in spirit and truth that we really know the relationship of beloved Child of God

We Respond: "led them up a mountain..."
In silence, reflect on the questions below? You may wish to have a time of brief sharing.

- The scriptures often use the word "led". The Spirit leads, Jesus led- How do we lead?
- What does the image of the Mountain open up for me an understanding and experience of God?
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Song: Shine , Jesus, Shine (G Kendrick-AOV2) or Transfigure Us, O Lord (Bob Hurd-Spirit & Song-OCP)

We Go Forth:

God, you have led us to the mountain where you dwell. Here we will experience the fresh air of the spirit of truth and justice. Here we will see more clearly the vision you have for our happiness. May we then go down to walk in plain places, side by side with you and in company with all our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Lord, let your mercy be on us.
All: As we place all our trust in you.