



Come
with me
by yourselves
to a
quiet
place
and
get
some
rest.

MARK 6:31, NIV

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . “*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*” vs. 1,4
Favorite Hymn of Faye Williams

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: From far and near, we gather to be close to God.

All: But always, God dwells in and with us.

P: No matter how far we wander,

All: God’s Spirit is as near to us as our very breath.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From far and near, we gather together,

All: called to unity in Christ.

L: Built into one body,

All: we are the dwelling place of God.

L: May God guide our steps and direct our ways,

All: that we may reveal God’s love in word and deed.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Guiding, guardian God, we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd, or strangers wandering alone in the world.

All: We want to know your presence, and trust that you dwell within us.

P: We yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us.

All: Fill us when we are empty.

P: Forgive us when we are wrong.

All: Guide us when we are lost.

P: Comfort us when we are tired.

All: Reconcile us when we are disconnected, and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit.

P: In your loving name, we pray.

All: Amen.

Silence for Reflection

P: Christ is our peace, reconciling us with God and with one another.

All: In our very lives, Christ dwells, full of mercy and grace to draw us to the heart of God.



LITANY

L: Holy Spirit, flow through our worship.

All: Dwell in us this day and all days.

L: Speak through our words, breathe into our thoughts,

All: and gather us together as one community of faith.

L: Build us together on the foundation that is ours in Christ Jesus our cornerstone.

All: Flow through our days, that we may be reflections of your presence. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us.

All: Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: May the words of my mouth...

All: and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Mark, chapter six, beginning with the thirtieth verse.

GOSPEL . . . *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on

foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: God of Mercy, you believe in us, and offer us love to change our lives.

All: Help us now believe in you, whether fearful and trembling or confidently at peace.

Reader: May your word be alive in our souls, so that hope may not die,

All: but only sleep for awhile, waiting to awake.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty God has given us.

All: We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God's work in this congregation and in the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Holy Spirit, flow through these gifts we return to you now.
Dwell in them, as you dwell in us,

All: that others may know your abiding presence and your steadfast love. In your holy presence, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: From far and near, we have been brought close to one another in the heart of God. As we wander forth in the world,

All: may we remember that God dwells in us, and that God's Spirit is as near to us as our very breath.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . "Holy, Holy, Holy" vs. 1,2
Favorite Hymn of Sharon Chu

SINGING BOWL

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