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"Come Follow Me." Matt 4:19

Leader: We gather as people called to proclaim the Good News of The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: Give us strength, O Lord, to be Your witnesses.

All: Witness of faith to the ends of the earth.

Reading: "It was about noon, and Jesus, tired from his journey, was sitting by the well....Meanwhile a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'....Jesus replied, 'If only you knew what God gives, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" *Jn 4:6,10*

Reflection: Jesus invites us to follow Him to the living waters of discipleship. How well do you listen and to whom do you bring the message?

Pause

All: O God, who gives us the water of life through Jesus Christ.
We pray for those who have an eternal longing to be at one with you;
We pray for those who thirst after peace, those whose lives are parched by war, whose hearts are torn by grief;
We pray for your Church, which thirsts after visible unity and reconciliation.
We pray for all who have drunk of the living water and yet who search for ways to share the water of life. –From an Indian liturgy

Leader: "Holy persons draw to themselves all that is earthly." –Hildegard of Bingen

"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: 'Go down again – I dwell among the people.'" –John Henry Newman

All: Lord, Jesus Christ: You are the fountain of life, the glistening water lily of the great swamp!
(Ghana: invocation of Jesus)