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"Come Follow Me." Matt 4:19

- Leader:** O God, we long for Your presence within our lives.
- All:** O Beloved, awaken our hearts as new shoots for breaking forth in the Spring time.
- Leader:** Loving God, we gather to hear anew the Good News for humanity.
- All:** Come as the wind which moves among us to transform our responses to this changing world.
- Reading:** "...one of them, a scholar of law, tested Him by asking, 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."
- Reflection:** How do you love God? Do you try to see God in each individual you encounter each day? If not, why not? If yes, how can you grow in that love?
- Pause:**

To Live with the Spirit

Right:

To live with the Spirit of God is to be a listener.
It is to keep the vigil of mystery,
earthless and still.
One leans to catch the stirring of the Spirit,
strange as the wind's will.

Left:

The soul that walks where the wind of the Spirit blows
turns like a wandering weather-vane toward love.
It may lament like Job or Jeremiah,
echo the wounded hart, the mateless dove.
It may rejoice in spaciousness of meadow
that emulates the freedom of the sky.
Always it walks in waylessness, unknowing;
it has cast down forever from its hand
the compass of the whither and the why.

Right:

To live with the Spirit of God is to be a lover.
It is becoming love, and like to Him
toward Whom we strain with metaphors of creatures
fire-sweep and water-rush and the wind's whim
The soul is all activity, all silence;
and though it surges Godward to its goal,
it holds, as moving earth holds sleeping noonday,
the peace that is the listening of the soul. **Jessica Powers**

- Leader:** O God, help me to walk in the boots of the miner, the shoes of the trader, the moccasins of the trapper, and in the sandals of Jesus Christ, the Master, and to see others as He would see them.
(Canada: an Indian prayer from the far north)