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“Come Follow Me.” Matt 4:19

Leader: You are the One who gathers us, loving God.

All: Blessed be God, the Creator of all that is.

Reading: “That same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, talking together about all that had happened. As they talked and argued, Jesus himself came up and walked with them; but something prevented them from recognizing Him.”
Lk 24:15-16

Reflection: Have there been times when you did not recognize Jesus in your life, others, or events? What prevented you?

Pause

Left: Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages, We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

Right: And, yet it is the law of all progress that is made by passing through some stages of instability – and, that it may take a way long time.

Left: And, so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually – let them grow – let them shape themselves without undue haste.

Right: Don’t try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

All: Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that His hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of freeing yourself in suspense and incompleteness. Amen. - Pierre Teilhard DeChardin -