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“Come Follow Me.” Matt 4:19

- Leader:** We praise You this day, we unite ourselves with our brothers and sisters throughout the world:
- All:** with families, with the poor and the homeless, with the vulnerable and the forsaken, with the visionaries, the prophets, and the leaders, with the martyrs. Amen
- Reading:** “Then, after the purification had been completed in accordance with the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord....There was at that time in Jerusalem a man called Simeon. This man was upright and devout and one who watched and waited for the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him....There was also a prophetess Anna....Coming up at that very moment, she gave thanks to God; and she talked about the Child to all who were looking for the liberation of Jerusalem.” *Lk 2:22,25,38*
- Reflection:** Is it possible that Jesus may have come into your midst and that you have not recognized Him? What might be one step to take to help you become more aware of the people around you?
- Left:** Now, Master, You may let your servant go in peace, according to Your word,
- Right:** for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples.
- All:** A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.
- Leader:** Lord Jesus, looking up as you once did into the eyes of the elderly Simeon and Anna, sensing their warmth and welcome, grant that we too may recognize and affirm the rich gifts; as You, Lord, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, watch and wait and welcome, forever and ever, world without end. Amen.

