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"Come Follow Me." Matt 4:19

Leader: In the name of our God who shares divinity with us,
In the name of our God who shares humanity with us,
In the name of our God who unsettles and inspires us,
Let us give praise and thanks!

Reading: "The eleven disciples made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to meet him....Jesus came near and said to them: 'Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me. Go therefore to all nations and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and to teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. I will be with you always, to the end of time.'" *Mt 28:16,18-20*

Reflection: How are you called to make disciples of all nations?

Pause

Left: Teach me Your ways, Lord, that I may be open to the same Spirit who moved over the face of the waters on the first day of creation and moves also over the chaos of this time to fashion a day like this, a world like ours, a life like ours, a life like mine, a kingdom like leaven in bread, like a treasure buried in the fields of the daily I plow,

Right: and make me aware of the miracles of life, of warm and cold, of starkness and order, of screaming wind and impenetrable silences, and of the unfathomable mystery of amazing grace in which I am kept.

Left: Teach me Your ways, Lord, that I may praise You for all the surprising, ingenious ways You bless me, and for all the wondrous gifts You give me through those who usher me into awesome worlds in which I begin to live anew in a fullness of pain and joy not possible before.

Right: Teach me Your ways, Lord, that I may accept my own talent openly, nurture it hopefully, develop it faithfully and give it freely. Ted Loder

Leader: Lord, Jesus, as you pace through the earth, even as it is through the instrumentality of very imperfect disciples, may the people of every land and race pause in their work, look up, see You, draw nearer, listen, worship, and turn from all their past to follow You.

A Procession of Prayers (Australia p. 310)