

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in April, 2018

Introduction

Leader Fear paralyzes. Jesus tells us not to be afraid at least 10 times in the Gospels. Trust and peace replace fear.

Opening Prayer

All God of peace, we come to you with our fears. Replace them with trust in you and the peace found only in you. We pray with confidence through our Risen Lord and the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Word of God Luke 24:36-43

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke *(The reading is on the reverse side.
(Pause for silent reflection.)*

Optional Discuss these questions in two's or three's.

1. In the Gospel, how does Jesus help the apostles with their fears?
2. How do you deal with your everyday fears and concerns?

Response (Taken from Luke 24:36-43)

Side 1 "Peace be with you."

Side 2 Peace can enter our hearts when we accept this gift and lay aside fears.

Side 1 "Why are you troubled?"

Side 2 When we face fears, we can recall Jesus' question and trust in him.

Side 1 "Have you anything to eat?"

Side 2 May we support one another through the kindness of hospitality, especially those dealing with sickness and troubled times.

Petitions Individuals add intentions to remember here.

Closing Prayer Psalm 4:4,7b, 8a, 9

All Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one;
the Lord will hear me when I call upon him.
O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.
As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep
For you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

While they were still speaking about this,
Jesus stood in their midst and said to them,
“Peace be with you.”
But they were startled and terrified
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones
as you can see I have.”

And as he said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,
he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of baked fish;
he took it and ate it in front of them.