

NOVEMBER 2024 PRAYER SERVICE

TIME FOR SCRIPTURE:

A complementary scripture passage for **Luke 24:13-35** is **John 1:43-51**, where Philip invites Nathanael to “come and see” Jesus. Both passages emphasize the importance of personal encounters and recognition of Christ, highlighting the journey of faith and the transformative experience of meeting Jesus.

Additionally, the interaction between Jesus and Philip in **John 14:8-9**, where Jesus states, “He who has seen me has seen the Father,” complements the understanding of Jesus as the revelation of God, reinforcing the idea that knowing Christ is essential to knowing God. This interconnectedness of scripture passages enriches the knowledge of the faith and the nature of Christ’s mission.

John 1:43-51

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. The next day he decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him.” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” And he said to him, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

John 14:8-9

Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

A TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION:

SHARED PRAYER ON SCRIPTURAL TEXT:

The intent is reflection in the form of a prayer, not discussion.

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- Pass card or cross, so people can pass gracefully and the team knows when the prayer is complete.
- The team should respond at the end of each person’s turn, for example, “Lord, hear our prayer”.

LITURGICAL PRAYER:

Psalm 119:105 complements the passages from **Luke 24:17-19** and **John 1:43-51**. This Psalm emphasizes the importance of God's word as a guiding light, which resonates with the themes of revelation and understanding found in the New Testament passages.

In **Luke 24:17-19**, Jesus engages with two disciples on the road to Emmaus, discussing the events surrounding His crucifixion and the hope of redemption. This interaction highlights the need for understanding and insight into the Scriptures, which Jesus later provides.

Similarly, in **John 1:43-51**, the calling of the first disciples illustrates the recognition of Jesus as the messiah, emphasizing the importance of following Him and understanding His mission. The Psalmist's declaration that "Thy law is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths" underscores the necessity of divine guidance in recognizing and following the truth revealed in Christ.

Psalm 119:105-112

Response: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

I make a solemn vow to observe your righteous judgments.

Response: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

I am very much afflicted, LORD; give me life in accord with your word.

Response: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

Accept my freely offered praise; LORD, teach me your judgments.

Response: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

My life is always at risk, but I do not forget your law.

Response: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

The wicked have set snares for me, but from your precepts I do not stray.

Response: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

Your testimonies are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

Response: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

My heart is set on fulfilling your statutes; they are my reward forever.

CONCLUSION OF PRAYER TIME:

The passages from **Luke 24:13-15**, **John 1:43-51**, and **Psalm 119:105** highlight themes of guidance, revelation, and the transformative encounter with Christ.

All: Heavenly Father, we ask for the grace to recognize Christ in our daily lives, to be open to His guidance through Scripture, and to find strength in the Eucharist. May we

always seek a deeper relationship with Christ through prayer, reflection on Scripture, and openness to His guidance. May we recognize the light of God's Word in our lives, leading to transformation and a clearer understanding of His will. Amen.

DEEP POOLING:

This is a time to share on more serious matters or when the input of the group is requested. This will not necessarily happen at all meetings.

SHARING ON THE ENDEAVORS:

We join teams in order to enlist the help of others in growing closer to God. The “endeavors” are practices which we voluntarily assume. They have been found to be a means of drawing us closer as a couple and in furthering our spiritual growth. By sharing on the endeavors at the team meeting we seek help and encouragement from our teammates in our journey.