

Music Selections

- *Come, Let Us Sing With Joy to the Lord*, Paul Tate, WLP
- *You Are Mine*, David Haas, GIA
- *Mary's Song*, NEW BRITAIN CM (Tune: *Amazing Grace*), WLP, OCP
- *Holy Is Your Name*, WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, David Haas, GIA
- *Christ, Be Our Light*, Bernadette Farrell, OCP

Psalmody

Select a sung or spoken version of one or two psalms.
(Suggestions: Psalms 139, 27, 23 & 100.)

Reading (Choose one)

Isaiah 43:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16, or one of the Sunday readings

Reflection

Invite 3 teens to offer witness talks about how they are inspired by adults who are living out a Christian vocation: one speaks about parents; another about a priest, sister, brother, or deacon; and another about a single adult. An alternative is to invite someone to speak to what it means to be called by God and how do we discern that call.

Magnificat

Spoken or sung (See *Music Selections*)

General Intercessions

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Sending Forth Blessing

You will need candles and name tags as people gather.
Conclude with a social.

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World Day of Prayer
for Vocations
April 13, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Easter
✙ Cycle A

Prayer Service



Call to Prayer

Leader: We gather "In the name of the Father +. . ."
Love and peace in Jesus Christ, our Shepherd!

All: Thanks be to God!

Song

Opening Prayer

Leader: God, our Father,
thank you for your son, Jesus,
our Good Shepherd,
who leads us to fullness of life.

All: By our baptism, we are called by name
to continue the mission of Jesus.

Leader: Give us the grace to listen with an open heart
to the voice of Jesus and to respond
generously with a joyful spirit.

All: Strengthen the men and women you called
to serve through marriage, the single life,
the diaconate, priesthood, and consecrated life.

Leader: Guide especially all who are
discerning their Christian vocation.

All: In gratitude we offer this prayer through Jesus
and the Holy Spirit, united with you forever.
Amen.

Psalmody

Reading

Reflection

Magnificat

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The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Commissioning

Leader: We are called and sent
to bear witness to the Light.
Come and receive the light of Christ
as you go out to share the Good News.
(Offer a lighted candle in these or similar words:
N. go out and be light for the world.)

Response: Amen!

Blessing

Leader: May the Light of Christ surround you.
May the Love of Christ enfold you.
May the Power of Christ protect you.
May the Presence of Christ watch over you.
And may the Peace of Christ dwell in you always.

All: Amen!

Leader: Go and rejoice in the Light!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Concluding Song

