

#### 26 January 2020

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus lights our way, calling us to follow him.

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:



When Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John to follow him they immediately left their work as fishermen and followed (Matthew 4:18,21).
Why do you think they did this?
How do you think they felt?



Jesus calls his followers to 'fish for people'. What does he mean?



# **Devotions** •



#### Daily Bible Readings

| S | Matthew 4:12-23       | Jesus calls his first disciples |
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| М | Isaiah 9:1-4          | No more despair                 |
| Т | Luke 1:67-79          | Christ, the light dawning       |
| W | Matthew 9:9-13        | Jesus calls Matthew             |
| Т | Ephesians 5:6-14      | Live as children of the light   |
| F | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | A church divided over leaders   |
| S | Psalm 27:1,4-9        | Whom shall I fear               |
| S | Matthew 5:1-12        | The sermon on the mount         |

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

# Rituals and Traditions •



### **PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, turn
our darkness
into light. Fill our
hearts with faith
and hope and
love. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

May Jesus give
you a heart
that seeks him
and feet that
are ready to
follow him.

### sundays after epiphany

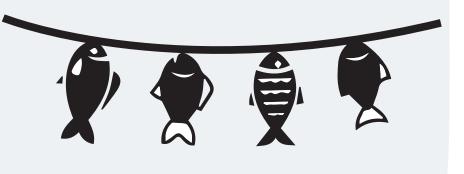
GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

## Creative Response

Jesus calls all his followers to 'fish for people'.

One way we do so is through prayer – by praying for specific people that don't as yet know Jesus, and for specific missionaries and mission activities.

Hang a string or a cord between two points in your home and attach small hooks to it. Cut out fish shapes from card or paper and write the name of a person you can pray for. Attach the 'fish' to the hooks and use your 'fishing line' as a visible reminder to pray.



#### mealtime prayer

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others.

Amen.

verse for the week

"Come. Follow
me," Jesus said.

"I will make
you fishers of
people."

**MATTHEW 4:19** 



In Psalm 27, we hear King David expressing his heartfelt desire to worship God in the temple all the days of his life (Psalm 27:4)

The way we care for our places of worship reflects our appreciation for God and for the gifts he gives us in worship.

Commit as a household to an act of service to improve the state of your church facility e.g. gardening, window cleaning, painting.

Make the needed arrangements for this.



