

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in January, 2021

## Introduction

Leader “Behold the Lamb of God”—we hear this at every Mass. That Jesus is more like a lamb than a warrior did not please many Jews of his day. How do we see Jesus today?

## Opening Prayer

All God of wisdom, continue to teach us the nature of Jesus as Lamb, Servant, Teacher, Shepherd, Savior and Rabbi. May these titles inspire us to imitate his Way, his Life. We ask this through Jesus, who is our light and life. Amen.

## Word of God John 1:35-42

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John (Pause for silent reflection)

*Optional* Discuss these questions in two's or three's. *The reading is on the reverse side.*

1. In studying the person of Jesus in the Gospels, which of his actions most affect your daily life?
2. In introducing Jesus to a friend, what would you want to be sure to say about him?

## Response (Taken from John 1:35-42)

Side 1 “As John watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’”

Side 2 May we also be God's Lamb, following Jesus, our Leader, rather than false ones.

Side 1 “Jesus turned and saw the two disciples following him and said, ‘What are you looking for?’”

Side 2 Are we looking for the teachings and Way of Jesus?

Side 1 “They said to him, ‘Rabbi, where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’”

Side 2 May we also hear these words of Jesus to follow him.

**Petitions** Individuals add intentions to remember here.

## Closing Prayer

All Loving God, you draw us to yourself through signs and wonders, through ordinary events and through the silent word spoken in our hearts. Be with us as we hope to see the end of the pandemic. Bless all dealing with its effects. Thank you for hearing our needs and concerns and bless us with your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Parish Operations and Mission Planning Office, 2021



*A Reading from the Gospel of John*

John was standing with two of his disciples,  
And as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,  
“Behold, the Lamb of God.”  
The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.  
Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,  
“What are you looking for?”  
They said to him, “Rabbi”---which translated means Teacher—  
“where are you staying?”

He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”  
So they went and saw where Jesus was staying.  
And they stayed with him that day.  
It was about four in the afternoon

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who  
heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,  
“We have found the Messiah” – which is translated Christ.  
Then he brought him to Jesus.  
Jesus looked at him and said,  
“You are Simon the son of John;  
You will be called Cephas” – which is translated Peter.