



### ***We gather...***

O God, come to our aid!  
Hasten to hear us as we cry to you.  
Give us voice to proclaim your love.

### ***We listen...***

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (1:4-12)

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a child." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

### ***We reflect and respond...***



## ***We ask...***

Jesus, you came and lived among us that we might know how to love one another as sisters and brothers. We long to follow your path to life:

### **Jesus, show us the way and help us walk in it.**

That by nurturing the prophetic gifts of the church we may be open to your revelation...

That by reverencing all faith traditions we may deepen our love for you...

That by humbly accepting the pain in our lives we may receive the gift of intimacy with you...

That by our witness of service and love we may convince the world of your presence...

That by our attentive fidelity we may come to know and do your will...

## ***We are sent forth...***

Help us O God, to explore new horizons with generosity and courage. We ask this through Jesus our brother. Amen.

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