

We Are Holy

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“We Are Marching,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 2.

Procession

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

Opening Prayer

Leader: *God our Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us to open our hearts and fill us with the flame of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Read Luke 4:16–30.

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sit silently.

Reflection

- What does the Gospel reading say about being holy?

Extension of Hands in Blessing

Leader: *We are called by the Holy Spirit to do the things that Jesus did. We are called to bring the Good News and the light of Christ to others. Let us remember that the Holy Spirit keeps the light of Christ alive in us always.*

Leader: *May the Holy Spirit dwell in you and help you bring the light of Christ to others.*

Child: Amen.

Closing Prayer

Leader: *Loving God, we thank you for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Send us forth to bring your love to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen.

