

## Setting and Ritual

*Dim lighting in gathering space. Process in with Paschal candle.  
During opening hymn light other candles around the room/church.*

## Music Suggestions (See suggestions from *Liturgy Planning Guide*)

*God of Day and God of Darkness*, BEACH SPRING,  
Text: Marty Haugen, WLP, GIA, OCP  
*Go Now in Peace/Vayan en Paz*, Pedro Rubalcava, WLP  
*At Evening*, EVENING HYMN & David Haas, GIA

## Psalmody Suggestions (Choose one or two)

Psalms 141, 147, 40 (*spoken and/or sung*)

## Reading (Choose one)

*Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8 (Sunday)*  
*Luke 5:1–11 (Sunday)*  
*Luke 2:22–40 (Presentation)*

## Reflection

*Invite someone who lives the consecrated life to choose one of the readings and reflect on the call to become followers of Jesus through the consecrated life.*

## Canticle of Mary (You may wish to bless the community with incense.)

*Mary's Song of Praise*, Alan Hommerding, WLP  
*Magnificat*, James Chepponis, GIA  
*Magnificat*, Bernadette Farrell, OCP

## Intercessions

See *General Intercessions*

## Concluding Blessing

*Invite those who are living the consecrated life to stand and receive a blessing from the community. Ask them in turn to extend hand in blessing over the others in the assembly. Choose a blessing from the Sacramentary, from Numbers 6:24–26, or write your own.*

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# Prayer Service

Becoming Followers  
of Jesus



## Call to Prayer

Leader: In a spirit of gratitude and praise . . .  
All: Let us sing of God's goodness.  
Leader: In a spirit of trust and fidelity . . .  
All: Let us offer our prayer in the name of the  
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## Opening Hymn

## Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Loving God,  
We praise you and give you thanks  
for your generous blessings.

R. You gave us your Son, Jesus as gift.  
Through Mary's gracious "yes,"  
she welcomed Jesus and  
offered him to the world.

L. May we, like Mary and Jesus,  
give ourselves wholeheartedly to your service.

R. Bless our Church with men and women  
who dedicate their lives to you  
through the consecrated life.

L. As we continue to follow Jesus,  
may we become effective witnesses  
of your Gospel in word and deed.

All: United with Jesus, the Holy Spirit,  
Mary and the communion of saints,  
we make our promise in faith. Amen.

## Psalmody

## Reading

## Reflection

## Magnificat

## Intercessions

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Sign of Peace

## Blessing

## Closing Song

