

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in January, 2022

## Introduction

Leader Jesus revealed himself to the world at a wedding, an ordinary event. He continues to reveal himself in our lives if we pay attention with the eyes of faith.

## Opening Prayer

All Good and gracious God, we come to you with our ordinary lives, always in need of your love and grace. Help us to pay attention to the ways that you assist us each day. We pray for the grace to model our lives on Jesus, who is our way to you. Amen.

## Word of God John 2:1-11

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. If Jesus revealed himself at Cana, how and when do you reveal him to others?
2. Jesus changed water into wine at a wedding. What changes in your life have led to positive, joyful experiences?

**Response** (taken from John 2:1-11)

Side 1 "His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"

Side 2 Mary's trust in her son, Jesus, reminds us to follow her example.

Side 1 "Jesus did this at the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory."

Side 2 Jesus brought the glory of God into our midst. May we recognize the signs of his glory everywhere.

Side 1 "His disciples began to believe in him."

Side 2 Just as the disciples' faith began to grow, may ours grow each day.

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

## Closing Prayer Psalm 96

Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.  
Announce his salvation day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations; among all people, his wondrous deeds.

*A Reading from the Gospel of John*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  
When the wine ran short,  
the mother of Jesus said to him,  
“They have no wine.”  
And Jesus said to her,  
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servers,  
“Do whatever he tells you.”  
Jesus told them,  
“Fill the jars with water.”  
So they fill them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”  
So they took it

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,  
without knowing where it came from  
—although the servers who had drawn the water knew—  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,  
“Everyone serves good wine first,  
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;  
but you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.