

Cycle B - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Feb. 4, 2024

‘My life is but a breath of wind’

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 147)

*Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;
For God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.*

**All: God heals the brokenhearted,
And binds up their wounds.**

*Leader: God determines the number of the stars;
God gives to all of them their names.*

**All: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
God’s understanding is beyond measure.**



SHARING THE WORD

Gospel -- Mark 1:29-39

Numerous demands for healing create a problem for Jesus. He does not want people to be attracted to the miracles and worship him as a miracle worker, but rather he desires them to open their hearts to God’s transforming love.

1. What in this passage attracts you to Jesus?
2. What is the difference between treating Jesus as a miracle worker and being open to God’s transforming love?
3. How can we become a sign of God’s transforming love in the world?

LIVING THE WORD

Which part of God’s Word today challenges me/us this coming week?

PRAYING THE WORD

Intercession: We pray that our world looks to Christ as a model for freedom not based on entitlement but on surrendering ourselves trust in Jesus. We pay to the Lord...

Invite personal intentions...ending with “Our Father ...”

Closing Prayer:

Leader: *Lord Jesus,
You came to heal us with transforming love.*

**All: We praise you
For your healing is everlasting.**

Leader: *We give thanks for your healing, which
helps us to endure the challenges and crises
in our lives.*

**All: Help us to bring your healing
to one another. Amen.**

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of Peace, a peace the world cannot give.