**Song** (kneeling)

Pause for Adoration

**Reader:** From the Gospel of Matthew 15:1-11 (standing)

Pause for Reflection

**Guide:** Let us kneel and pray together.

All:

Most sweet Jesus, you have travelled the dusty roads of Palestine sowing your words of pardon and peace, smiling with your eyes full of the infinite; you have healed so many unhappy poor people, bringing heaven to them; you have especially wanted to give our very own life for souls, immolating yourself on the cross. Enkindle in us the flame of your zeal. You have called us near to you so that we may accomplish your very mission. Many souls are waiting for us. They are waiting for our sanctity! If we are inflamed by your zeal, they will become holy. If we do not reach the level of sanctity which you require from us, they too will remain imperfect. We are not alone in coming to you, behind us there are other souls whom we do not know and whom we must also guide. Let our hands be like yours, wide open to them. Inflame our hearts with the flame of your love. Make us see your face in the face of others. Amen.

Pause for Silent Prayer

Guide: Called to follow Christ more closely let us listen

carefully to the message that comes to us from the

following reading.

**Reader:** From the Letter of James 3:13-18 (seated)

Pause for Reflection

Song (standing)

Reader: From the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 6:10-17

(seated)

Pause for Reflection and Prayer

**Final Song** 

