



# CALLED BY CHRIST GIFTED BY THE SPIRIT

*To Share Christ in and through the Church*

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## PRAYER SERVICE - WEEK FOUR

### STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH

**Introduction:** We are mindful that when we gather, the Lord is indeed in our midst. In awe and wonder for this privilege, let us begin with song.

**Song:** *One Bread, One Body.* Composed by John B. Foley, SJ.

#### Thanksgiving

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, always and for everything!

**All:** In the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Blessed are You, O Lord, Redeemer God. You destroyed the bonds of death and, from the darkness of the tomb, drew forth the light of the world. Led through the waters of death, we become the children of light, singing and dancing to the music of new life. Pour out Your Spirit upon us, and enable us to sing and pray whenever we gather in Your Name. Give us dreams and visions that bring all peoples and nations ever closer to the kingdom, where You live and reign, one God in Three Persons, forever and ever.  
Amen.

**Sacred Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1-7

#### Silence

**Psalm 34:** *We Are His People, the Sheep of His Flock.* Composed by Rawn Harbor.

#### Prayer

**All:** Almighty and eternal God, You continually enlarge the family of Your Church. Deepen the faith and understanding of Your elect, chosen for Baptism. Give us new birth in Your living waters, so that we may be numbered among Your adopted children. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

#### Intercessions

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to God for all good gifts.

**Leader:** For the gifts of creation,  
**All:** Blessed be God forever.

**Leader:** For the Eucharistic banquet which refreshes us and gives us life,  
**All:** Blessed be God forever.

**Leader:** For the feast of Your Word, giving us light and joy,  
**All:** Blessed be God forever.

**Leader:** For the cleansing power of Baptism and penance, through which we are reconciled to one another,  
**All:** Blessed be God forever.

**Leader:** For Your holy Church, where we are gathered together into Your community,

**All:** Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Lord God, bless Your Church, which we have been privileged to build with Your help. May all who gather in faith to listen to Your Word and celebrate Your sacraments, experience the presence of Christ, Who promised to be with those gathered in His Name. May all to whom we proclaim the Gospel be drawn to You by the example of our love. We ask You to hear our prayer, through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

**Song:** *God, We Praise You*. Composed by NETTLETON. Lyrics by Christopher Idle.

### **Blessing**

Leader: May God the Father almighty, bless you (us) and keep you (us).  
May Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, graciously smile upon you (us).  
May the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, grant you (us) peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us extend to one another a sign of the Lord's peace.



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