

Call to Worship – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A  
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Our readings today reveal a God who, in action, is loving and compassionate and desires to be an intimate part of our lives.

In the first reading we see God instructing Moses to remind the people that it was God who was there for them when they were oppressed. It was God who led them out of Egypt – out of their slavery and into freedom, and who walked with them through the hard times, and who holds them dear.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. It is an unearned and undeserved gift – from the heart of God to our hearts. We are reminded that all that we are and all that we have, are generous gifts from God.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus moved with pity for crowds of people who were troubled and abandoned. He calls forth his disciples by name and empowers them to go out to heal their illnesses on every level, physical, spiritual and psychological, announcing that the reign of God is very near.

Today, we are invited to reflect on the ways that God is present and active in our lives – and to remember that we too are sent to help those in need, sharing our giftedness without counting the cost.

As we begin our celebration of the Eucharist, let us open our hearts to the Love of God with us, in us and among us. Let us draw that love deep into our being and allow it to transform us into the disciples that Jesus has empowered us to be.