

THE WORD OF THE LORD



Christ speaks to us



- ◆ A great conversation takes place in the Liturgy of the Word.
- ◆ Christ speaks to us in the First Reading and we reply using God's word in singing or saying the Responsorial Psalm.
- ◆ He speaks again to us and we answer with an acclamation as we prepare to hear the Gospel.
- ◆ We must listen and speak carefully, reflecting on what he says to us.
- ◆ In the Homily the Word is broken open for us by the preacher.
- ◆ Silence after the readings and the homily can be a great help to us as we think about what we have heard.

'The Word of the Lord'



- ◆ This is an enthusiastic acclamation not simply a statement of fact
- ◆ It's a proclamation of Christ's presence
- ◆ Our responses should be filled with appreciation, praise and thanksgiving.
- ◆ We speak of the table of God's Word.
- ◆ This is an ancient idea in which we see ourselves being fed both by the Word of God and Holy Communion.

Christ feeds us

- ◆ Christ is present when the scriptures are proclaimed and he feeds us with his teaching.
- ◆ He speaks in our hearts,
- ◆ Proclaiming his summons,
- ◆ Announcing his words of new life and
- ◆ Whispering his message of comfort.
- ◆ It is Christ who speaks as readers open their mouths to proclaim the readings.
- ◆ They have a great task and privilege to read well so that we may be fed properly.

The Word of God transforms us

- ◆ The Word of God is something alive and active.
- ◆ It moves us to change ourselves and change the world
- ◆ It feeds us and gives us life.
- ◆ A treasure to be opened so that everyone may have true riches.

REFLECTION

- ◆ What helps you to be attentive when God's word is proclaimed?
- ◆ What passages of scripture speak to you most
- ◆ How does silence or song help you to be more aware of Jesus speaking to you?