



Heal and Proclaim:

A Reflection

Then Jesus called the twelve together...and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey..."

-Luke 9: 1-6

Were the twelve afraid?
Did they wonder if they could do those things?

Compared to the quality of your ministry,
Did they feel inadequate and unworthy?
What persuaded them to go?
Your words? Your friendship?
Their enthusiasm?
Your deep belief that they could do it?

And you said:
"Take nothing for the journey".
What did you mean?
Trust or more than trust?
Did you perhaps imply that we can't wait until we have all the possible things we need?
That we can't postpone "doing"
Until we are positive of our talents?
That we can't hold off our commitment
Until we are absolutely sure we won't make a mistake?

I think of all the excuses and the reasons
we can give
for not serving and giving:
no time, no talent,
no knowledge, no energy,
no assured results.
You say, "take nothing.
Don't worry about your
inadequacies.
I will provide for you.
Go! Just go! Go with my power."

-J. Rupp
Out of the Ordinary

Closing Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Come Holy Spirit!
Fill the hearts of your faithful,

All: *And enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

Leader: Send forth your Spirit
And they shall be created.

All: *And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

Leader: Send your Spirit to us
So that our hands become Your hands.
Our mouths speak Your words.

All: *Amen.*



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for Christ*

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-2 Corinthians 10:5

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Opening Prayer: A Revelation

God's work of art.
That's me?
Then beauty must lie
In the eye of the beholder.
I feel more like one of those statues
Michelangelo left
Half emerging from the marble block;
Full of potential, on the verge of life,
But prisoned still by
circumstance and fear.
Yet part of me is free -
And you are still creating,
Bringing to life the promise that is there.

Sometimes by hammer blows
Which jar my being,
Sometimes by tender strokes half felt
Which waken me to life.

Go on, Lord, love me into wholeness.
Set me free to share with you
In your creative joy; to laugh for you
At your delight in me,
Your work of art.

-Ann Lewin

Scripture Passage: 2 Corinthians 10:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one according to the flesh;
even if we once knew Christ according to the
flesh,

yet now we know him
so no longer.

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God,
who has reconciled himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation,
Namely God was reconciling the World
to himself in Christ, not counting the
trespasses against them and entrusting
to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God was appealing through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



"Within you, lie the sun, the moon, the sky and all the wonders of this Universe. The intelligence that created these wonders is the same force that created you..."

R. Sharma, [The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari](#)



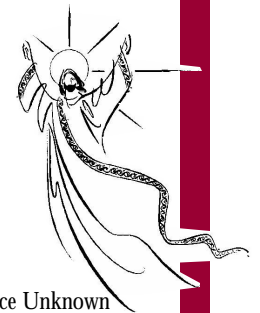
Litany

To bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the broken heart.
All: We are ambassadors for Christ.

To proclaim liberty to captives,
release the prisoners.
All: We are ambassadors for Christ.

To announce a year of favour,
to comfort those who mourn,
All: We are ambassadors for Christ.

To give to them the oil of
gladness,
and share a mantle of joy,
*All: We are ambassadors for
Christ.*



-Source Unknown