

## Light a candle

### Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Sing

“I am Loved” – Mack Brock <https://youtu.be/9OmYhgvwQa8>

“Amazing Grace” – Susan Boyle <https://youtu.be/A0gLntLIBYw>

“Rock of Ages” - Vagle Brothers <https://youtu.be/QUU5MSTyoBA>

“We Believe” – Newsboys <https://youtu.be/BLpS70QYdXM>

### God’s Word

Read: Romans 10:8-18

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



### Reflection

Where does faith come from? The Bible tells us that faith comes from God. When we hear God’s word, the good news of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is at work within us. Faith is not a decision we make but is given to us by the Holy Spirit. The first step in faith is God calling us through his holy word. When we hear the voice of our Good Shepherd we may dare to ask him for help. We hear examples of this in the Bible. Jesus healed and helped so many people as he travelled through the land. When we ask Jesus for help it is prompted by the Holy Spirit. We cannot find God on our own. God finds us. We cannot come to God in our own strength, but it is God who comes to us. When we call out to God this shows that the Holy Spirit is at work within us. This spark of faith grows as we walk with Jesus, just as Jesus’ disciples faith grew over time as they walked with him. While Jesus was with the disciples they endured hardships and storms. They did not lead an easy life of comfort and riches, but they learnt to trust in and depend on Christ alone. Faith is not about reason, decisions or feelings. Faith is about God’s love, God’s work and God’s promises to save us. Faith is simply hearing the voice of our Good Shepherd and trusting him to love and help us.

### Activity (optional)

“Faith” - A short animation. <https://youtu.be/K2cfaIGJtrI>

“God’s Plan – The Perfect Plan” A short animation.

[https://youtu.be/xVD\\_3dqO09k](https://youtu.be/xVD_3dqO09k)

“Indiana Jones – Leap of Faith” <https://youtu.be/q-JifjNnnMA>

## Music

Sing/Listen to music. Ideas:

“Tunnel” – Third Day <https://youtu.be/PidY2jfwXJg>

“Lead Me to the Cross” – Hillsongs <https://youtu.be/vdq9Q8wJdjc>

“Nobody Loves Me Like You” – Chris Tomlin

[https://youtu.be/SG\\_IXFEO8yE](https://youtu.be/SG_IXFEO8yE)

“Instrumental Celtic Hymns” - <https://youtu.be/zA2YnyVAjEo>

“Together” – for King and Country [https://youtu.be/lR1Hk0FVi\\_k](https://youtu.be/lR1Hk0FVi_k)

Sesame Street: Will-I-Am sings “What I

am” <https://youtu.be/cyVzjoj96vs>

Sesame Street: “Try a Little Kindness”

with Tori Kelly

<https://youtu.be/enaRNnEzwi4>

Sesame Street: “Happy Furry Monsters”

with R.E.M.

<https://youtu.be/J9G1FhQUmSo>



## Bible verses

Psalm 86

## Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer

– Third Prayer: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

## Prayer

Our Father, we know that you always provide for us, protect us and prepare us, even when we do not ask for this. Help us to remember to ask you for what we need and to thank you for the many blessings that we receive from you. We thank you that you have made us your children and that you love us and look after us all the time. We ask that you strengthen us so that we can serve you and help others in need. We pray that you would strengthen the faith that you have given us. Help us to remember that our faith is in you, our almighty and eternal God. Help us to remember that our faith does not depend on us and what we think or feel, but on you our faithful and loving God. We thank you that you love us so much and sent your only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to save us and to be with us always. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## Blessing

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us peace. Amen.