



## 4-28-14 Search Committee of Trinity Episcopal Church

### Opening Prayer

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Reflection

*What Jesus said, and what we say to each other, is "Are we talking about something important or is it just talk?" That is what Jesus was doing with the people who said, "I want to follow you." He would ask the people who said they wanted to follow if they really did. They were deciding if they would get in the boat with Jesus. He was so clear in saying, "Let's think about it first." One guy said, "I'd like to go. It's pretty interesting what you're talking about, but I've got to tend to some family responsibilities." Jesus said, "This boat's leaving. When you get back, this boat won't be here."*

*And that's the same struggle today. New birth is never easy. This way is probably more difficult for smart people, for gifted people, for efficient people, for hard-working people. You take those of us who can pull it off, but we don't try to pull it off. Rather, we commit ourselves in faith to a God who says He or She will pull it off. And then pulls it off by dying. I agree, living this kind of commitment to this kind of God is hard.*

*Gordon Cosby (1917-2014) Church of the Saviour, Washington, D.C.*

## Part II—when our work is done

### At the Close of Day

#### *Psalm 134*

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, \* you that stand by night in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; \* the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

#### *A Reading*

Lord, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9,22*

#### *The following may be said together*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \* to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see; A Light to enlighten the nations, \* and the glory of your people Israel.

*Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.*

#### *The Lord's Prayer, traditional*

#### *The Collect*

O LORD, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.