



So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas

First Reading: (1 Sam 3:3-10, 19) The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood forth, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for thy servant hears." And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R./ Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading: (1 Cor 6:13b 15, 17-20) The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Gospel: (Jn 1:35-42) John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him,

was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

REFLECTION

Andrew was the one who brought his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus. In many ways, Andrew was an ordinary man. As far as we know, Andrew performed no mighty deeds. He preached no great sermons. He just served in his humble way. He just did what needed to be done without fanfare. He always brought people to Jesus:

Andrew Brought his Brother: Andrew found the Christ and immediately ran to get his brother. This is a beautiful mountain-peak moment in the Bible. He brought his brother into the presence of Christ. We are family... and life is better when we act like a family, loving each other, and like Andrew, bringing each other into the presence of Christ.

Andrew Brought a Child. When Jesus had to feed the five thousand people, Andrew went out and found a young boy who had a few bread and two fish. Andrew brought the boy to Jesus. In the hands of Jesus, it became enough to feed the whole crowd. Andrew's act reminds us how important children and their resources are to Christ and his Church and how crucial it is for us to bring children to Christ.

Andrew Brought the Greeks: That is, he brought into the presence of Christ some people who were very different from him.

How long has it been since you brought somebody into the presence of Christ?