

Today's readings remind us to embrace who we are called to be.

In the first reading Jeremiah remembers his call to be a prophet, to speak the word of God to others. He is known as a reluctant prophet because he thought he was too young to speak. God reminds him that he knows Jeremiah well and would never abandon him, even when things were tough.

In Luke's gospel we see Jesus embrace and proclaim the truth of who he is. But the people of Jesus' own hometown reject him. They remember him as boy growing up and hold on to the truth as they know it. By doing so they miss the larger truth – that Jesus is the One they have been waiting for – the One sent to save them and all people.

For us today, how do we accept or reject the truth of who we are?  
How does what other people think of us encourage us or prevent us from being the person we are called by God to be?

Today let us pray that we may become more and more, the people that God has called us to be. And in that spirit let us stand and welcome one another to this Liturgy that celebrates our God and us as God's People.