

Holy Presence Catholic Community
Morning Prayer, May 3

Opening and Invitation

As a new day comes, O God, open our hearts and minds to your love, your presence, and your grace. We begin in the name of God who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:5

Psalm 95: 1-8

Come let us sing for joy to God

Let's shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Let's come before God's presence with a song of thanksgiving.

Let's shout joyfully with psalms and instruments.

For ours is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods.

In God's hand are the caverns of the earth, and also the heights of the hills.

God created the sea and has molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before God our Creator.

For we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice!

Glory be to God, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Words of Confession

Each morning we are graced with a new day, a new beginning. Let us claim this day.

Loving God, you have created us, know us, and claim us as your own. We ask for your forgiveness and grace for all of the times that we have strayed from your path. We ask for the courage to face our errors and willingness to amend our ways, so that we may rest in the peace that only you can give and be your light in this world. Give us the power to love as you love, and to forgive as you forgive.

Assurance

Scripture tells us “If we say, we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sin, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrong doing.” Accept this truth and continue to walk in the path of love, light, and peace. You are a new creation.

The Word of God

Psalm 19

The heavens tell of the glory of God; and their expanse declares the work of God’s hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them God has placed a tent for the sun, which is like a groom coming out of his chamber; It rejoices like a strong person to run his course. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end of them; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The Law of the God is perfect, restoring the soul. The testimony of God is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of God are right,

rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The reverence of God is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of God are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much pure gold. Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, Your servant is warned by them; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern their errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep Your servant back from presumptuous sins. Let them not rule over me. Then I will be innocent, and I will be blameless of great wrongdoing.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, God, my rock and my Redeemer.

1 Cor 15:1-8

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the Gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

After that he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.

John 14:6-14

Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me. If you know me, then you will also know God. From now on you do know and have seen God." Philip said to him, "Master, show us God, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen God.

How can you say, 'Show us God'? Do you not believe that I am in God and God is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The One who dwells in me is doing great works. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to God. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that God may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

The Word of God. Thanks be to God.

Creed

We believe in God, who places joy in our souls, dancing in our toes and songs in our hearts. We believe God wanted gladness to flow like a river, and so created a bountiful earth with plenty for all to share.

We believe in Jesus, who turned water into wine, celebrated with outcasts and sinners, and touched the broken so that they could leap and dance. We believe that Jesus opened the doors and set an extra place so we could feast.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prompts us to smile; who sends us invitations to come and dine; who nudges us to openness and tenderness.

We believe the Spirit is present every time we gather to break bread and is urging us to live joyfully and walk hopefully. Forever, we will live in the embrace of God, and be a witness to resurrection joy. Amen.

Prayers

Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and

Forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer for resurrection joy: God, you have overcome the power of death and instilled in us the truth that nothing will ever separate us from you. Help us to immerse our minds and hearts with the knowledge that we are indeed one with Jesus in this world and the next. May we be so filled with joy in this knowledge that we act as a light for this darkening world and become the hope for a better tomorrow.

Prayer for natural disasters: Creator God, our world is filled with fires and floods, droughts and hurricanes. Bring your calming presence to those afflicted by these treacherous events. Help us to remember to keep those who suffer in the forefront of our lives, giving to them what we can, so they may move beyond and through their circumstances and find wholeness and safety.

Prayer for those who are living life eternal: Loving God, we give you thanks for the people of faith who have guided us, loved us, and been with us. Though they are not sitting near us at the dinner table, we know they are forever in our hearts walking with us on our path. Through our grief of losing them, may we always live in the certain hope that we will be together in your embrace in all eternity.

Prayer for those addicted: God of Mercy, we live in a culture of addiction. Be it drugs, alcohol, shopping, hatred, power - we ask that you make yourself known to all who are active in their addictions. Comfort their fears, open their minds, instill their souls with your love. For those who live in the wake of peoples addictions, grant them hope,

peace, and courage to continue to remind those who need it of your love, your strength and your way.

Canticle of Simeon

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to God, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Light of the world, we come to you with so much to be grateful for.... Grateful for your sustaining grace, mercy, and tenderness. Grateful for a relationship with you that brings light and hope to our lives and the lives of others. Grateful, too, for your unending presence in our lives.

We are grateful for the creation that surrounds and sustains us. The beauty of your trees and flowers, of your seas and mountains. The joy in your creatures – great and small. The wonder of space, the stars; the moon and sun which light our path.

Thank you for the gifts we have been given, the ability to learn and grow in wisdom each day and to deepen our relationship with you; the ability to see your face in every person we meet; the ability to love and be loved, to forgive and to be forgiven.

Thank you God for your everlasting love, for Jesus who makes us a new creation, and for filling our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thanks be to God.

In the name of our God who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.
Amen.