

Holy Presence Catholic Community
Morning Prayer, May 5

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

Lord, open our lips. And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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 98

Sing a new song to God who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have bought deliverance! God has made salvation known and show divine justice to the nations, and has remembered in truth and love the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous songs of praise. Sing praise to God with the harp with the harp and melodious singing! With trumpets and the blast of the shofar, raise a shout to God, Ruler of All. Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy before God, who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its people with equity.

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever reveres God and acts uprightly is acceptable."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent Jesus into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent Jesus as expiation for our sins.

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As God loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept God's commandments and remain in God's love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what their master is

doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from God.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask God in my name God may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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 creation: As we celebrate this day of remembrance of all that you have created, we give you thanks, O God, for the beauty surrounding us, for the whisper of your presence in the winds; for the sparkling of your meteor showers in the sky; for the crashing of the waves in the sea. Put within our hearts and minds the ways to be good stewards of all creation. Help us to remember we are co-creators with you in this world.

Prayer for Leadership: O God, we pray for all of those who are in leadership positions. May you grant them all discernment, compassion, and kindness as they lead and make decisions affecting your people. Sustain them in their work and keep their eyes on your ways of justice, light, and truth.

Prayer for Guidance: God, as we move through another day, give us the grace we need to follow your will. May the Spirit of Wisdom be in the forethought of our minds, so we can go where you would send us, and do what it is you would have us do. Guide our choices today so they may be life-affirming, peaceful, and loving.

Prayer for the Human Race: Creator God, you have formed us in our mother's womb, counted the hairs on our head, and know our thoughts before we speak them. Help us to remember that each person we encounter today is also created by you - - purposefully different from us, so together we may paint the colorful tapestry of your beauty in a world that often chooses to fear differences.

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

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

May God lift up countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Thanks be to God.

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

Amen.