

Holy Presence Catholic Community  
Morning Prayer, May 26

*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.

“We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.” Acts 2

Psalm 100

Acclaim God with joy, all the earth.

Serve God with gladness.

Enter into God’s presence with a joyful song.

Know that our Creator is God.

God made us and we belong to God.

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise.

Give thanks to God. Bless God’s Name.

God is good with steadfast love which endures forever.

God is faithful to all generations.

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 33

Rejoice in God, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to give God praise. Give thanks on the harp; offer praise to God on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings with joyful shouts. For the word of God is true, and God is faithful in everything.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is filled with kindness. The heavens were made by the word of God, and all their host by the breath. God gathers the waters of the sea as in a bowl; places the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth revere God. For God spoke, and all creation came to be and it stood firm.

God thwarts the plans of nations and frustrates the designs of peoples. But the plan of God remains forever, the designs of this heart for all generations. Blessed is the nation who God has chosen as

heritage. God gazes down from heaven and beholds the entire human race.

Our soul waits in hope for the One who is our help and our shield. Our hearts rejoice in God because in God we can trust. O holy One, let your kindness rest upon us, for we have placed our hope in you.

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created humans upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for themselves from the midst of another nation, by testing, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?"

This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that God is in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which your God, is giving you forever."

Romans 8:14-17

Sisters and brothers: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, God!" The Spirit herself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

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 the Church: Holy One, bless your church throughout the earth. Where there are problems, rectify them. Where there is lack, provide. When praise and glory are given, accept. When a person is searching, open our doors. Where we have, let us give. All to the glory of your Name.

Prayer for Joy and Contentment: On this Sabbath Day, O God, we seek the joy and contentment that only you can give. Quiet our minds from all the input this modern world offers and bring us to this moment. Let us feel your love, your grace, your gentleness as we calm our mind, body and soul. Instill the joy of knowing you, and being known by you, so we may be your feet and hands in our communities.

Prayer for Those In Need of Prayer: O God, you have command us to love our neighbors as You have loved us. There are so many of your children who need prayer but don't know how, or don't know who to ask. For all these brothers and sisters we offer a prayer. May they be surrounded by Love, comforted by Grace, and find the Peace that only you can provide.

Prayer for Spiritual Gifts: Holy Spirit, you have blessed each one of us with gifts to be shared for the good of all. Sometimes they are hard to see or imagine. Guide us to these gifts and help us to offer them without fear. For we know, that when we share our particular gifts, you mold them together and create a masterpiece of love and grace for all.

## *Canticle of Judith*

I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious, truly strong and invincible. May your whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came to be. You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed, for no one can resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; at your presence rocks shall melt like wax. But to those who love you, you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, but whoever loves shall stand in your sight for ever.

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 the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Thanks be to God.

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