

Prayer Service



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Nazareth Center Chapel
December 2, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *One Bread, One Body* BB #337

Antiphon: All O God, to whom shall we go? You alone are
 our refuge.

Psalm 118

1 We give thanks to You, O Beloved,
 for you are kind;
 your steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let every nation proclaim,
 “Your steadfast love endures forever.”
 Let all the people cry,
 “Your steadfast love endures forever.”
 Let those who reverence You sing,
 “Your steadfast love endures forever.”

1 Out of my distress I called upon You;
 You answered, setting me on a new path.
 With You beside me, I do not fear.
 What can others do to me?
 You live within me and answer my prayer
 as I face the fears that well up within.
 It is better to abandon yourself to the Beloved
 than to trust in yourself alone.
 It is better to surrender to Love
 than to seek the riches of the world.

Antiphon: God’s holy hand has raised me up, alleluia.

2 When all my fears surrounded me,
 I acknowledged your Presence within me!
 When they surrounded me on every side,
 I gave thanks for your Companionship Presence!

They surrounded me like bees,
they threatened to overwhelm me;
in your strong Presence, I faced them!
Though they arose like an army,
You stood firm beside me.
You are my strength and my song;
You are my Counselor and my friend.

- 1 Harken to songs of victory,
to the music of my soul;
“You, O loving Presence, have been my strength,
You have stood beside me in the darkness,
You have walked with me into the light!”
I shall not give in to fear, but I shall live in peace and
give witness to your saving grace.
You turned your face from my weaknesses,
and You opened the door leading to new life.

Antiphon: All Our God has let the light of the Most High to
shine upon us, alleluia.

- 2 Yes, You opened to me the gates of truth and justice
that I might enter through them.
Praise be to You, O Merciful One!

- 1 This is the gate to Life;
those who know Love shall enter through it.

- 2 I give thanks to You, O Beloved,
who answer our prayers and invite us to new Life.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation of our lives.
This, O Eternal Listener, is your work;
This is the day which You have made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Remain ever by our side, O Friend!
Come, live in our hearts as
Loving Companion Presence!

1 Blessed are all who enter through your gates!
Blessed are all who dwell in the house of Love!
For You lead the Way, You forgive
our misguided ways, and
You bring Light into darkness.
Come all you who will, partake of the Great Banquet!

2 You are my Beloved, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my Beloved, greatly will I praise you!

1 We give thanks to You, O Blessed One,
for You are kind; your steadfast love endures
forever!

All Glory be...

Reading: *Coming to terms with Life and Love*

Reflection/Memories

Prayer to St. Agnes

Behold, what I long coveted, I already see; what I hoped for
I now hold safe. To God alone I am associated in Heaven,
whom on earth I loved with all devotedness.

Leader: Pray for us, St. Agnes.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, who choose the
weak of the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant
that we, who are placed under the patronage of your virgin
and martyr, Agnes, may feel the benefit of her intercession
with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: *Holy is His Name* BB #706