

Prayer Service



Sister Mary Menke

October 15, 1946 — January 27, 2022

Nazareth Center Chapel
February 3, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *We Are Many Parts* BB #586

Leader: God of faithfulness, you have called Sister Mary home with you. May we hold her memory with gratitude and live in the hope of the eternal kingdom where you will bring us together again. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Pslam 139

Antiphon: *All God, You know where I have been.*

1 You search me, Lord, and know me.
 Wherever I sit or stand,
 you read my inmost thoughts.
 Whenever I walk or rest,
 you know where I have been.

2 Before a word slips from my tongue,
 Lord, you know what I will say.
 You close in on me,
 pressing your hand upon me.
 All this overwhelms me—
 too much to understand!

1 Where can I hide from you?
 How can I escape your presence?
 I scale the heavens, you are there!
 I plunge to the depths, you are there!

2 If I fly toward the dawn,
 or settle across the sea,
 even there you take hold of me,
 your right hand directs me.

1 If I think night will hide me
and darkness give me cover,
I find darkness is not dark.
For your night shines like day,
Darkness and light are one.

2 You created every part of me,
knitting me in my mother's womb.
For such handiwork, I praise you.
Awesome this great wonder!
I see it so clearly!

1 You watched every bone
taking shape in secret,
forming in the hidden depths.
You saw my body grow
according to your design.

2 You recorded all my days
before they ever began.
How deep are your thoughts!
How vast their sum!
Like countless grains of sand,
well beyond my grasp.

Antiphon: ^{All} **God, You know where I have been.**

Reading: From Julian of Norwich

Sharing of Memories/Stories

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: *Canticle of the Sun* BB # 426

