

Prayer Service

Sister Judith Schmidt

April 13, 1934 — September 10, 2021



Nazareth Center Chapel

September 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *Sing a Joyful Song*—BB #540, vss. 1-4

Leader: God of faithfulness, you have called Sister Judith 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

Psalm 66

- 1 Sing a joyful song to the Beloved
all the earth, and praise Love's name;
Sing in glorious exultation!
We say to You, "How magnificent are your ways:
So great is your power that fear and
doubt vanish before You;
All the earth worships You;
the people raise their voice,
they sing praises to your Name."

- 2 Come and see what the Beloved has done;
wondrous are the deeds of Love.
Remember when the sea turned to dry land?
There, we did rejoice in the One,
Who rules by the mighty Spirit
of Love forever.
Whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
Let not those who strive for power exalt themselves.

1 Bless the Beloved, Heart of our hearts,
let the sound of our praises be heard.
You keep us attuned to life and
guide our feet on solid ground.
For You, O Love, have tested us;
You have tried us as silver is tried.
You have allowed us to fall into the net;
You have watched us reap all that we have sown;
we went through fire and through water,
Yet you have brought us through our pain
and into your dwelling place.

2 I enter your house with gifts;
I commend my soul into your keeping;
all that my lips uttered and my mouth promised
when I was in trouble and pain, I offer up to You;
I abandon myself into your hands.

1 Come and hear, all you who reverence the Most
High, and I shall tell what the Beloved has done for
me. I cried aloud to the Silent Watcher of my life;
from my tongue came forth words of praise.
Had I cherished greed and power
I would have separated myself from Love;
the voice of my prayer was heard.

2 Blessed be the Holy Name of the Beloved,
Loving Companion Presence,
who has embraced me,
and renewed my life.

All: Glory Be...

Reading: Luke 24:13-16, 28-31

Hymn: *Twenty-four Alleluias*

Reflection and sharing of 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: *Sing a New Song* - BB #546 vss. 1-3

