

# Prayer Service



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September 1, 1932 — January 11, 2022

Nazareth Center Chapel  
January 18, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

## Welcome

**Opening Song:**     *Be Not Afraid* BB #435

**Leader:** God of faithfulness, you have called Sister Joan 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

**Antiphon:** <sup>All</sup> I will give thanks to you among the peoples.

1       My heart is ready, O Beloved, my heart is ready!  
I sing, and I will sing praises! Awaken, my soul!

2       Awaken, O joy and gratitude! I arise to the new dawn!  
I give thanks to you, Beloved, among the peoples,  
I sing praise to you among the nations.

1       For your steadfast love is great through all the world,  
your faithfulness remains for all eternity.

2       Be exalted, O Radiant One, throughout the universe!  
Let your Glory extend to the ends of the earth!  
That your friend may be set free from fear,  
come to my aid, and answer me!

1       For You have been our Promise for all generations:  
“Come to me when your hearts are heavy,  
and I will give you rest.  
For as I am in you, so do you live in Me.  
We are One in the Spirit of Love.

2       Be my messengers of peace; be bearers of mercy and  
justice. Let Love triumph over fear.”

1 Who will answer the invitation of Love?  
Who will lead others into the new dawn?

2 Awaken, O my soul, to the Beloved within;  
O, that I might be a light in the world!

1 You are my Comforter and my Guide!  
With you I can do all things;  
Into your Heart I commend my soul.

**Antiphon:** All I will give thanks to you among the peoples.

**Reading:** Isaiah 43: 1—5

## 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:** *Earthen Vessels* BB # 408

## **The Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting**

*by Holly Whitcomb*

**The first gift of waiting is patience.**

**The second gift of waiting is loss of control.**

**The third gift of waiting is living in the present.**

**The fourth gift of waiting is compassion.**

**The fifth gift of waiting is gratitude.**

**The sixth gift of waiting is humility.**

**The seventh gift of waiting is trust in God.**

**May the God who loves us  
help us to learn how to wait.**

