

Prayer Service



Sister Caryl Hartjes

June 22, 1935—October 31, 2021

Nazareth Center Chapel
November 22, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *Bring Forth the Kingdom* (see insert)

Leader: God of Faithfulness, you have called Sister Caryl 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: ^{All} In the stillness we will hear your voice.

1 The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,
 a loving Presence in times of trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear though
 the earth should change,
 though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
 Though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

2 There is a river whose streams
 make glad the Holy City,
 the holy habitation of the Most High.
 The Beloved is in the midst of it,
 it shall not be moved;
 Our loving Creator is an ever-present help.
 The nations may be at war, countries left in ruins,
 yet is the Voice of the Almighty heard,
 melting hearts of stone.
 The Beloved is with us, the infinite Heart of Love.

1 Come, behold the works of the Beloved,
 how love does reign even in humanity's desolation.
 For the Beloved makes wars to cease,

breaking through the barriers of fear,
shattering the greedy and oppressors,
refining hearts of iron!

2 "Be still and know that I am Love.
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!"
The one who knows all hearts is with us;
The Beloved is our refuge and our strength.

Antiphon: ^{All} In the stillness we will hear your voice.

Sing Refrain: *Center of My Life* BB #497

Reading: *God Dance* by Edwina Gateley

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: *How Can I Keep from Singing* BB # 442

“To be of the Earth is to know
the restlessness of being a seed
the darkness of being planted
the struggle toward the light
the pain of growth into the light
the joy of bursting and bearing fruit
the love of being food for someone
the scattering of your seeds
the decay of the seasons
the mystery of death and
the miracle of birth.”

~John Soos



I, Caryl, found myself quietly embraced in the center of the universe.

There assembled a huge gathering of peoples of every color, from every nation, speaking every language—each clustered with their own kind.

Beginning to dance, each group expressed its own movement, its own rhythm, giving voice to its own song.

Continuing to sing and dance as individual groups, the entire assembly gradually rotated clockwise as if on a merry-go-round.

As the clockwise rotation increased in speed, faster and faster, breathlessly, yet peacefully, the colors and voices and individual rhythms began to blend. At the same time all were drawn into the center as if by centrifugal force, until all were bound together into one dazzling structure—emanating one solitary note of exquisite tone and timbre in praise of God.

Written by Sister Caryl, November 25, 2011

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Cantor:



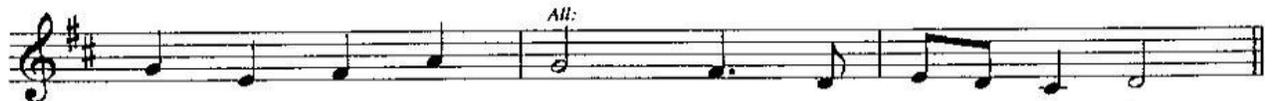
1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

All: *Cantor:*



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

All:



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Ci - ty of God!