

Prayer Service



Sister Janet Ahler

October 30, 1932 — March 31, 2023

Nazareth Center Chapel
April 18, 2023
11:00 a.m.



Welcome

Opening Song: *All I Ask of You*

Leader: Most Loving God, Sister Janet is gone now from this earthly dwelling. We give you thanks as we celebrate her life, hold her memory with gratitude, and live in the hope of Your Eternal Kingdom where You will bring us together again. **Amen.**

Antiphon: ^{All}Your great love, Gracious God, extends to all the nations of the world.

Psalm 119

1 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who live with spiritual integrity!
Blessed are those who honor the Inner Being,
who follow You with their whole heart,
Who enfold the world with love and walk on
peaceful paths.

2 You have shown us the way of Truth,
the way that leads to freedom.
O, that I might ever reflect the Light!
Then I shall know inner peace, as
I surrender myself into your Hands.

1 I will praise You with a grateful heart,
as I lean on your great kindness.
As I forsake the path of darkness,
O have mercy on me!

2 Your word is imprinted upon my heart,
that I may walk in your Light.
Blessed are You, O Counselor;
guide me in all that I do,
That with my lips I may bear
witness to the truth of your Way.

1 With your Word in my heart,
I delight more than with the world's riches.
I listen in the Silence,
awaiting the clarity of your counsel.
May I become a living fountain of joy
and give thanks for your bountiful blessings!

2 I give myself into your Hands,
that I may live fully into your Word.
Open my heart's eyes, that I may see
the wondrous blessing of creation.

1 Help me to know, O Teacher, the path to follow
You; lead the way and I will come.
In your love is the power to calm the storms of
adversity; Show me the power of your forgiving
love. O that I might learn to bless others
selflessly; to be a silent benediction!

2 O, Giver of Life, may we recognize
the Divine Seed in every person;
May we be sensitive to all we meet along the way,
blessing and encouraging one another.

1 O friends, close not the eyes of your heart
to the light of Truth!
Rejoice in the glorious and sacred Giver of Life,
clothe yourself with joy!
Feel your heart expand in gratitude,
and learn from the earth of humility.

2 I will sing praises to You throughout the day,
and meditate on Love during the night.
For You are Companion and Friend
to all who reverence your ways.
The earth is filled with Divine Love;
O, that I might know You in all things!

Antiphon: All Your great love, Gracious God, extends to
all the nations of the world.

Leader: Abandon yourself to the Beloved,
draw closer and closer to Love.
For when you dwell in peace within
Love's heart, and know the Divine Spirit in
your own heart, You become as nothing, yet
all things are yours.
As you radiate the healing love of your
inmost being into a suffering, scarred,
yet ever sacred world, offer grateful praise
from the chalice of your heart to the One who
loves through you.

All: Fill us, O gracious One, with your loving wisdom, guide all hearts on paths of peace.

Leader: O friends, enter into this eternal garden, befriend the Guide who awaits you.
Enter into the great, resounding Silence, be still and know true peace;
Know the all-embracing life of Love;
and raise your voice with grateful praise!
Amen.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1: 1—6, 9

Sharing of Memories/Stories

Prayer: Recite together

O God, we give You thanks for the life given to us each day.

Give us the gift of gratitude for all gifts received each and every day.

We ask for a renewed fervor in following Your way of truth and love.

Give us the mind and heart of Jesus and never let us be separated from you.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Prayer to St. Agnes:

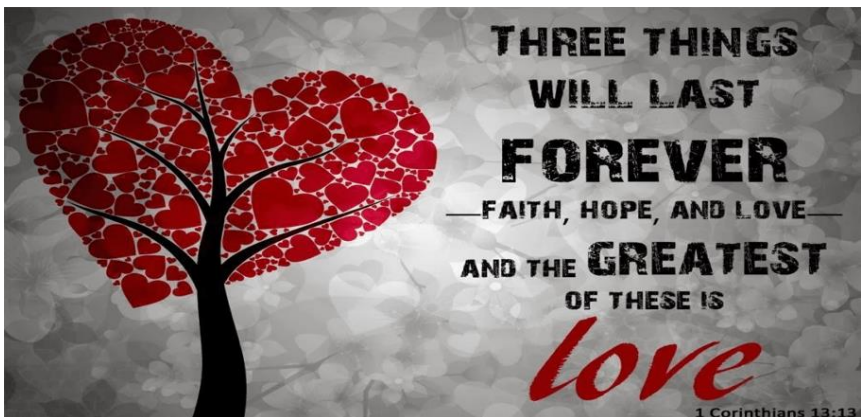
Behold, what I long coveted, I already see; what I hoped for I now hold safe. To God alone I am associated in Heaven, whom on earth I loved with all devotedness.

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: *Love Goes On*
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All I Ask Of You

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Gregory Norbet

REFRAIN

All I ask of you is for-ev-er to re-mem-ber me as lov-ing

you. you, _____ for - ev - er as lov - ing__ you.

VERSES

1.Deep the joy of be - ing _____ to - geth - er in one
 2.As we make our way _____ through all the joys and
 3.Some - one will be call - ing you to be there for a -
 4.Laugh - ter, joy and pres - ence: _____ the on - ly gifts you
 5. γ γ Per - sons come in - to the fi - ber of our

1.heart and for me that's just _____ where it is.
 2.pain, can we sense our young-er, tru - er selves?
 3.while. Can you hear their cry from deep with-in?
 4.are! Have you time? I'd like to be with you.
 5.lives and then their shad - ows fade and dis - ap - pear. But