

Prayer Service



Sister Loretta Meidl

March 15, 1925—October 27, 2021

Nazareth Center Chapel

November 18, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *I Love Thee O Mary*
 Community Hymnal #103

Leader: God of Faithfulness, you have called Sister Loretta into Your loving presence. May she be united with all the saints and rest in your peace forever. **Amen**

Antiphon: All God's blessings are without number.

Psalm 103

1 My soul, bless the Lord,
 bless God's holy name!
 My soul, bless the Lord,
 hold dear all God's gifts!

2 Bless God, who forgives your sin
 and heals every illness,
 who snatches you from death
 and enfolds you with tender care,
 who fills your life with richness
 and gives you an eagle's strength.

1 God covers me with concern and love.
 The Lord does righteous deeds, brings justice
 to all the oppressed,
 God pours out love on those who turn to God.

2 The Lord is tender and caring,
 slow to anger, rich in love.
 God will not accuse us long,
 nor bring our sins to trial,
 nor exact from us in kind
 what our sins deserve.

1 As high as heaven is above earth,
 So great is God's love for believers.

Antiphon: *All* God's blessings are without number.

Reading: Romans 8:18, 28, 31

Sharing of Memories and Stories

Reading: *What are your thoughts, Mary?*
 By Sister Loretta Meidl

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: *Salve Regina* BB #684

What were your thoughts, Mary
As you beheld your new-born child,
Wrapped him and tried to make him comfortable?

What were your thoughts, Mary
As your child started to talk and
Called you "Mama" and Joseph "Dada"?

What were your thoughts, Mary
As your Son went off to school in the synagogue?
You knew he was the best student
But you couldn't boast about His Godhead.

What were your thoughts, Mary
As you prepared for his bar mitzvah?
Were John, Zachary and Elizabeth there
for the occasion?

What were your thoughts, Mary
As your Son prepared to leave home?
You were to live alone thereafter,
Were you afraid?

What were your thoughts, Mary
As you heard him speak to the crowds?
Were you proud? "This is MY Son!"

What were your thoughts, Mary
At the Last Supper?
How could he be present in the bread and wine
And continue to live with us?

What were your thoughts, Mary
As you met your Son on that first Good Friday?
How you must have wanted to shelter him
from the enemy.
But you knew it was all for me that he suffered.

What were your thoughts, Mary
As you beheld your Son alive three days later?
Your sufferings were also for me.

