

Prayer Service



Sister Josephine Braun

February 16, 1940 — August 20, 2023

Nazareth Center Chapel

August 28, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: *Here I Am Lord*—BB #395

Leader: God of Faithfulness, you have called Sister Josephine into your loving presence. May she, now freed from her suffering and pain, be united with all the saints and rest in peace forever. May we who loved her in this life find peace and comfort in your abiding presence.

Amen.

Antiphon: ^{All} O God, how great is your wisdom, so far beyond my understanding.

Psalm 139

- 1 O my Beloved, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up. You discern my innermost thoughts. You find me on the journey and guide my steps. You know my strengths and weaknesses.
- 2 Even before words rise up in prayer, Lo, You have already heard my heart call. You encompass me with love wherever I go, and your strength is my shield. Such sensitivity is too wonderful for me. It is high; boundless gratitude is my soul's response.
- 1 Where could I go from your Spirit? Or how could I flee from your Presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in darkness, You are there!
- 2 If I soar on the wings of the morning or dwell in the deepest parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me, and your Love will embrace me.

- 1 If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
even the darkness is not dark to You.
The night dazzles as with the sun.
The darkness is as light with you.
- 2 For you formed my inward being;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you for You are to be revered and
adored. Your mysteries fill me with wonder!
- 1 More than I know myself do You know me.
My essence was not hidden from You
when I was being formed in secret,
intricately fashioned from the elements of the earth.
- 2 Your eyes behold my unformed substance;
in your records were written every one of them,
the days that were numbered for me,
when as yet there were none of them.
- 1 How precious to me are your creations,
O Blessed One! How vast is the sum of them!
Who could count your innumerable gifts
and blessings? At all times you are with me.
- 2 Search me, O my Beloved, and know my heart!
Try me and discern my thoughts!
Help me to face the darkness within me.
Enlighten me, that I might radiate your love and
light!

Antiphon: All O God, how great is your wisdom, so far
beyond my understanding.

Reading: *Philippians 1: 3—11*

Prayer:

I love thee, Jesus my love, and I repent of having offended thee. Never permit me to offend thee again. Grant that I may love thee always, and then do with me what thou wilt.

(A prayer treasured and requested by Sister Josephine)

Sharing of Memories/Stories

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: *All Is Well With My Soul* **BB #471**