

– Prayers of Gratitude –

Faithful Father, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, more ready to speak than we are to listen. We thank you for the kindness of your presence and for the ministry of the Holy Spirit at work in us and through us today. Amen.

– Songs of Praise –

Goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

**Spirituality and the
Seasons of Our Lives
Retreat**

Morning Liturgy
Monday, May 1, 2023

– Invocation –

Lord God, you who are the source of all truth, wisdom, justice, and love, lead us through this time of worship and throughout this day of service to you. Help us constantly to rest our lives upon the eternal foundations of your love and presence. Save us from haste and confusion, from wrongful desire, and the net of evil. Through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, enlighten, instruct, and guide us all the day long. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

– Come to Stillness –

We begin by attending to the presence of God, the One who makes his home in us and bids us to make our home in him.

– Scripture Reading –

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of
the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in
your book

before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

– Song of Reflection & Response –

Closer

– Ministry of the Holy Spirit –

In the stillness, we open our hearts and
minds to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

– Lectio Divina –

Psalm 139: 1-18

- ¹You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
- ²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
- ⁵You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are
there.
- ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

- ⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you. [Selah]
- ⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- ⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
- ⁷They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob. [Selah]
- ⁹Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of
my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
- ¹²Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

– Songs of Praise –

Great are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Worthy of it All

You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Give Me Jesus

In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

And when I am alone
Oh, and when I am alone
And when I am alone, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

And when I come to die
Oh, and when I come to die
And when I come to die, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus