

– Song of Worship–

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord
And take not Thy holy spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

– Prayers of Gratitude–

We thank you, Jesus, for your friendship, and for the kindness of your presence. Will you draw us more deeply to you, now, as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the words spoken today. May your Word spoken *to us* fall on good soil *in us* today. May we be willing to hear, and may we be faithful to respond.

Amen.

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

Afternoon Liturgy

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

– Invocation –

Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover You, the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You, the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You. Amen.

– Scripture Reading–

John 15:1-12

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

– Song of Reflection–

Seasons Change

Though the music changes
And the songs we sing
We still lift our praises
To our loving God and King

Though the seasons change
Your love remains
Your love remains

Lord, You've been faithful to plant the seeds
And You will be faithful to always send Your rain
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And You will be faithful to always send Your rain

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