

Spirituality and the
Seasons of Our Lives
Retreat

Morning Liturgy
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

– Invocation –

Lord of life and love, help us to worship thee in the holiness of beauty, that some beauty of holiness may appear in us. Quiet our souls in thy presence with the stillness of a wise trust. Lift us above dark moods, and the shadow of sin, that we may find thy will for our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

– 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 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

²My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

Earthly things will leave me hollow
Riches can't surpass His worth
Vain endeavors lead to sorrow
Christ alone gives Joy on earth

I don't want to live for pleasure
Faithfulness is what I seek
Help me not to live distracted
Let Your kingdom come in me

I want to be like him
I want be like him

– The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)–

Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

– Song of Praise –

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ returns, to all of His creation
His kingdom come, restoring every part
Then I shall bow, with every tribe and nation
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

– Guided Meditation on Scripture –

Mark 10: 46-52

⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.

⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

– Songs of Reflection & Response –

Have You

Whatever comes, whatever lies ahead
I surrender, Jesus, I trust you
Here’s my life, I release control
I surrender, Jesus, I trust you

I can lose it all, but I’ll have it all
If I have you, I’ll have everything
I’ll let it all go, the one thing I’ll hold
I have you, I have everything

If I have you, I have everything
I have you, I have everything

Be Like Him

I am called to follow Jesus
At the start of each new day
All my doing for his purpose
All my been in his grace

I just want to be like him
Holy Spirit mend me
Make me more like Jesus
I just want to be like him
Take my life and steer it

Wherever you see fit
I want to be like him