



AÑOS **150** YEARS

EVENING PRAYER

MARCH 24, 2020



“Our Lord Jesus Christ, suffering in the persons of a multitude of the sick and infirm of every kind, seeks relief at your hands.”

Responding to this call from Bishop Claude Marie Dubuis 150 years ago, young women left France for Texas, and three eventually journeyed to San Antonio. Here, they encountered cholera victims, orphans, and widespread poverty. With courage, compassion, and faith, they worked to respond to the needs of a frontier town. Women from France, Ireland, Mexico, Germany, and the United States, each responding to ever-new challenges, joined these first Sisters.

Today, we continue to answer the call through the same healthcare, education, and pastoral and social ministries, especially for those women and children living in poverty, for the elderly seeking dignity at the end of their lives, and on behalf of justice, peace, and the care of creation.

It is with profound joy that you are here to celebrate with us. In the past 150 years, as the needs changed and new challenges came, we have always relied on the collaboration and friendship of the many lay women and men who heard the same call to serve.

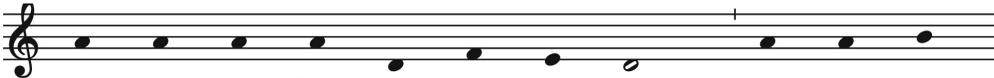
It is with deep gratitude that we celebrate this prayer of thanksgiving and praise. This Jubilee Year has been a sacred time for us to celebrate together our blessings and an opportunity for we Sisters to renew our promises to be women committed to a “life for God and a heart for others,” searching together for God’s call in this time.

Praised be the Incarnate Word! Forever, Amen!

EVENING PRAYER

EVENING HYMN

O Radiant Light



1. O ra - diant Light, O Sun di - vine Of God the
2. O Son of God, the source of life, Praise is your
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, as day - light fades, As shine the



1. Fa - ther's death - less face, O im - age of the Light sub -
2. due by night and day. Our hap - py lips must raise the
3. lights of e - ven - tide, We praise the Fa - ther with the



1. lime That fills the heav'n - ly dwell - ing place.
2. strain Of your es - teemed and splen - did name.
3. Son, The Spir - it blest, and with them one.



THE INCARNATION

READING: *John 1:1-14*

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;



1. truth, _____ we turn to you. Make us your own, _____
2. hope, _____ man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone _____
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, _____
4. warmth, _____ man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

PRAYER

WELCOME



OUR RESPONSE TO THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

READING: *Leviticus 19:21-34*

Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the old, and love your God! When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in an alien land. I, the Lord, am your God.

RESPONSE: *All Are Welcome* -



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



1. all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
2. words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
3. wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
4. yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
5. songs and vi - sions heard And loved and trea - sured,



1. chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give. Built of
2. dare to seek To dream God's reign a - new. Here the
3. ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
4. serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the
5. taught and claimed As words with - in the Word. Built of



1. hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of
2. cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's
3. love of God, through Je - sus, Is re-vealed in time and
4. out - cast and the strang - er Bear the im - age of God's
5. tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of



1. grace; Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
2. grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
3. space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
4. face; Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
5. grace, Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



1-5. All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



1-5. in this place.

PRAYER



GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

READING: *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

For I will take you away from among the nations,
gather you from all the foreign lands,
and bring you back to your own land.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you
to cleanse you from all your impurities,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts
and giving you natural hearts.
I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes,
careful to observe my decrees.
You shall live in the land I gave your ancestors;
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

RESPONSE: *With Joy You Shall Draw Water*- Haugen

With joy you shall draw wa - ter from the springs of end - less

life; With joy you shall draw wa - ter from the liv - ing well of God.

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GOD'S LOVE FOR US

READING: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Brothers and Sisters,

I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love

of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

RESPONSE: *How Can I Keep From Singing* -



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3. What, though my joys and com-fort die, The
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
 Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
 foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since



far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
 gath - er 'round? Songs in the night it giv - eth.
 I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

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OUR LOVE FOR GOD

READING: *Matthew 6:19-24*

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

RESPONSE: *Heart of a Shepherd* - Cooney

If you love me, feed my lambs; Be my
heart, my voice, my hands. If you love me, feed my
sheep. And for my part, I give you the
heart of a shep - herd.

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OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

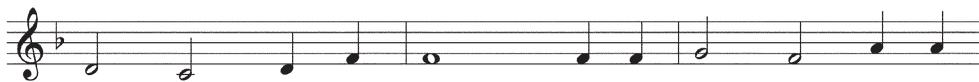
READING: *Acts 2:42-47*

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number.

RESPONSE: *As A Fire Is Meant for Burning -*



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



bright and warm-ing flame, So the church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.
one - ness 'Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued.



Not to preach our creeds or customs, But to
By our gentle, loving actions, We would
As a rainbow lights the heavens When a



build a bridge of care, We join hands across the
show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening
storm is past and gone, May our lives reflect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diancy Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

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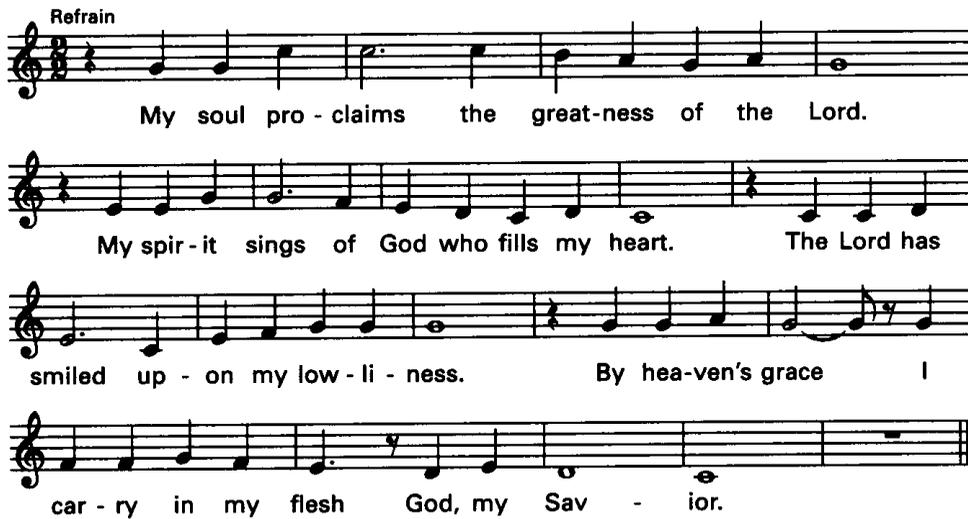
RENEWAL OF VOWS

Sisters

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Loving and gracious God, in your presence and in union with Mary, Mother of the Incarnate Word, we renew our dedication to you as Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. May our lives of consecrated celibacy, evangelical poverty and religious obedience, lived in community, bring us to a deeper union with you. May our love for you be manifested in our service to each other and to your people. Accept this offering of ourselves, and give us the grace and strength to be faithful to you forever. Amen.

RESPONSE: *God My Savior* - Schutte

Refrain



My soul pro - claims the great-ness of the Lord.
My spir - it sings of God who fills my heart. The Lord has
smiled up - on my low - li - ness. By hea - ven's grace I
car - ry in my flesh God, my Sav - ior.

PRAYER

INTERCESSIONS

CLOSING PRAYER

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

GOING FORTH: *Make the Love of God Known to the World* - Kollar



Make the love of God known in the world. Share the myst'ry of



Christ re-vealed. May faith be found, hope and love a-bound a -



lone; and make the love of God known.



1. Love has come to a dark - ened world, bear - ing
2. "Peace I leave now with you, my friends; peace I
3. Who a - mong you would be the first, says the
4. God gives free - dom to all op - pressed, sets his
5. Teach all na - tions, pro - claim the Word, go and
6. "Love each oth - er as I have loved; love your
7. We are chil - dren of God by faith, saved by the
8. Love has come in the Word made flesh, bring - ing



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| 1. hope and light. | May our lives re - |
| 2. give to you." | May we spread not a |
| 3. Son of Man, | must not wish to be |
| 4. peo - ple free. | May we work to bring |
| 5. share Good News. | Let us fol - low the |
| 6. neigh - bor in need." | May we fol - low our |
| 7. blood of the Lamb. | May we live out our |
| 8. light to birth. | Let us take the |



1. flect God's love; as we share the light of Christ.
2. world - ly peace but the peace that can re - new.
3. served by all, but to serve as each one can.
4. jus - tice to the stran - ger now in need.
5. proph - et's call to bear wit - ness to the truth.
6. Lord's com - mand, that our joy may be com - plete.
7. faith each day as we trust what God has planned.
8. light of Christ to all cor - ners of the earth.