



The CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

Held Together

8:45 a.m. + August 27, 2023

Everything holds together, everything, from stars that pierce the dark like living sparks,
To secret seeds that open every spring, from spanning galaxies to spinning quarks,
Everything holds together and coheres, unfolding from the center whence it came.
~Malcolm Guite

Welcome

“Come and Pray in Us”

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Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,

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come and vis - it us Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it, come, Spir - it come.

“My Soul is at Rest”

fine

My soul is at rest in God a - lone, my sal - va - tion comes from God. My

Contemplating Scripture

Colossians 1:15-17

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

"Our Eyes are Turned"

Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

The musical score is for a two-part setting in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

The musical score continues the previous piece, maintaining the same 3/4 time and key signature. It concludes with a final cadence.

Scripture with Sung Response

Job 19:25-27 (New Catholic Bible)

"I Am Sure I Shall See"

I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the land of the liv - ing.

The musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It features a more rhythmic melody with some syncopation and a repeat sign at the beginning.

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Yes, I shall see the good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am

The musical score continues the previous piece, starting with a measure rest of 5 measures. It maintains the 4/4 time and key signature.

*"But I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the end he will stand upon the dust. [Response]*

*After my awakening, he will call me close to him,
and then from my own flesh I will see God. [Response]*

*I will see him with my own eyes;
my eyes, not those of another, will behold him.
How my heart within me yearns for that moment! [Response]*

"Give Peace to Every Heart"

A

Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da
 Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

B

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
 peace, Lord. Give peace, Lord. Give

C

Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Consent to God's loving action within you as your surrender and descend into this silence. Simply be here now. Breathe deeply. Center your attention in your heart. If it helps you to center in your heart, use a sacred prayer word such as Peace, Love, Jesus, or Spirit. Or follow the rhythm of your breath.

"Nothing Can Trouble"

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p

Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

mf

nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

f

1. *mf*

2. *f*

Receiving Holy Communion and Prayer around the Cross

You may receive Holy Communion at one of the Communion stations or move to the cross. You may touch the cross as an expression of your communion with the crucified Christ and with all who suffer. As you touch the cross, silently entrust your burdens and those of other people to Jesus. Christ accompanies every person in his or her suffering.

"Holy Spirit Come to Us"

Ho - ly Spir - it come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Ho - ly Spir - it come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it come to us.

"Our Darkness"

Our dark - ness is ne - ver dark - ness in your sight: the

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deep - est night is clear as the day - light. Our