

Lent 2022

Tuesday, Week Four

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CHANT In the Lord pg. 47

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

OPENING WORDS

“The humanity of Jesus relates to every human person, without exception due to race, religion, language, or creed. The heart of every human person – rich, poor, black, white, Jew or Hindu – is entangled with the spirit of God’s love. Every person has a God center, every person is part of the Christ mystery, and every person can manifest the Christ. This is what Raimon Panikkar meant by the term Christophany.... that Christ is not only the name of a person in history but a reality in our own life. Christophany stands for the disclosure of Christ to human consciousness and the critical reflection upon it; each person bears the mystery of Christ within. Christ is the symbol of our human identity and vocation, which in its acceptance and fulfillment, is the union of all created reality in the love of God. ...Through the human person, a new reality emerges, born out of new structures of consciousness.”

- Ilia Delio, *The Hours of the Universe: Reflections on God, Science and the Human Journey*

CHANT Come and pray in us pg. 42

*Come and pray in us, Holy Spirit, come and pray in us,
Come and visit us, Holy Spirit, Spirit come, Spirit come.*

CHANT Bless the Lord pg. 9

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

CHANT Wait for the Lord pg. 12

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

SILENT REFLECTION

What do you need to let go of to be present now?

Do you consent to God's presence?

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

**We will light candles this Lent,
Candles of connection despite feelings of loneliness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears that come our way,
Candles of peace for wind-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heaviness,
Candles of love to inspire our living,
Candles of lightness in our hearts all our days.**

SCRIPTURE John 12: 1-8 The Message Bible

Six days before Passover, Jesus entered Bethany where Lazarus, so recently raised from the dead, was living. Lazarus and his sisters invited Jesus to dinner at their home. Martha served. Lazarus was one of those sitting at the table with them. Mary came in with a jar of very expensive aromatic oils, anointed and massaged Jesus' feet, and then wiped them with her hair. The fragrance of the oils filled the house.

Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, even then getting ready to betray him, said, "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor? It would have easily brought three hundred silver pieces." He said this not because he cared two cents about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of their common funds, but also embezzled them.

Jesus said, "Let her alone. She's anticipating and honoring the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you. You don't always have me."

SILENT REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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SILENT MEDITATION

CHANT Stay with us pg. 21

Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.

Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness.

"The contemplative life is not simply about adopting meditative methods and techniques but about entering into an interior silence that deepens our relationship with the triune God who dwells within ... In other words, we do not merely encounter Christ as an historical figure or outsider, but we discover ourselves to be participants in [the] incarnation, which continues in and through us."

- Vincent Pizzuto, Contemplating Christ