



Prayer Readings, Revised Common Lectionary (Year B)

May 2024

Wed. May 1, 2024
Lectio Divina

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. -John 15:9, 11, 12, 13 NRSV

Tues. May 7, 2024
Awakening Hour

Thur. May 9, 2024
Centering Prayer
(Ascension)

Pslam 1 (Easter 7)
Blessed are those
who walk hand in hand with goodness,
who stand beside virtue,
who sit in the seat of truth;
For their delight is in the Spirit of Love,
and in Love's heart they dwell day and night.
They are like trees planted by
streams of water,
that yield fruit in due season,
and their leaves flourish;
And in all that they do, they give life.
The unloving are not so;
they are like dandelions which
the wind blows away.
Turning from the Heart of Love
they will know suffering and pain.
They will be isolated from wisdom;
for Love knows the way of truth,
the way of ignorance will perish
as Love's penetrating Light
breaks through hearts
filled with illusions:
forgiveness is the way.
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Wed. May 8, 2024
Lectio Divina
Ascension

Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.
While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. -Luke 24: 50-52 NRSV

Tues. May 14, 2024
Morning Prayer

Thur. May 16, 2024
Centering Prayer
(Pentecost)

Pslam 104: 24-35

I am awestruck, Holy One
at this beautiful and boundless universe—
gestated over eons with love and care.
Your creative intent envelopes the world like a cloak.
I see it shining in the heavens, hear it whispering
in the winds, feel it crackling in the fire.
For you energized the dust of the universe—
the galaxies, the stars, the planets,
right down to this jewel of an earth.
You birthed her like a golden babe
from the fires under your heart.
She cooled, wrapped herself in water and in air.
The waters receded, the mountains rose
Storms shaped and softened the landscape
and in time, she gave birth to life in her seas.
In the eons life evolved into myriad forms
each with its own niche in your scheme.
With Your love, She taught each its place, its work, its song.
And humankind—you birthed us too. Gave us
the world as our home and food--
bread to eat, wine to make our hearts glad, herbs for
healing, and oil to soothe our skin.
You gave us many songs, many powers, and put
a restlessness in our hearts
we could seek you always.

O Holy One, how manifold are your works
In your love and play you have birthed them all
and raised them up.

I will sing your songs all my days
and care for all you have created
and keep my heart ever open to your Love.

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Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O You, who know all hearts, how
manifold are your works!
In wisdom You have created
them all;
the earth is filled with your creatures.
We look to the seas, great and wide,
which teem with life innumerable,
helping to maintain the balance.
O, that we might receive your gifts,
taking only what is needed
with grateful hearts.
All of creation looks to You,
to give them food in due season.
When we are in harmony with You,
the earth provides;
yes, a bountiful harvest to be
shared with all.
When we misuse what You have created for us,
we blame You for the famine and
destruction that ensues, and feel alienated from
You. Even so, You continue to send forth
your Spirit, and the earth, though not without
turmoil, is renewed.

The glory of the Radiant One endures
forever, for the works of Love are sure.
You are ever-present to us, even as
the earth trembles, even as the mountains spew
forth ashes and smoke!

I will abandon myself into your hands
as long as I live; I will sing praise to You
while I have breath.

May my meditations be pleasing to You,
for I rejoice and am glad in You.

May all who feel separated from You
open their hearts to new Life!

Praise the Creator of the Universe!

Bless the Heart of my heart, O my soul!
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<p>Wed. May 15, 2024 Lectio Divina Pentecost</p>	<p>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.</p> <p>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.</p> <p>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.</p> <p>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. -Acts 2:1-4 NRSV</p>		
<p>Tues. May 21, 2024 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Thur. May 23, 2024 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Pslam 29 Worship God in the Grandeur of Creation! God’s majesty—in the pounding waves God’s strength—in the wind God’s creative work—in the volcano God’s destructive work—in the tsunami God’s love—in the flickering fire god’s emptiness—in the desert God’s constancy –in the seasons</p> <p>Worship God—Give Thanks—Make peace POSTED BY CHRISTINE ROBINSON</p>	<p>Psalm 29 Give praise to the Beloved, O heavenly hosts, Sing of Love's glory and strength. Exalt the glory of Love's Name; Adore the Beloved in holy splendor. The voice of the Beloved is upon the waters; Love's voice echoes over the oceans and seas. The voice of Love is powerful, majestic is the heart of Love. The mercy of the Beloved breaks the bonds of oppression, shatters the chains of injustice. Love invites all to the dance of freedom, to sing the Beloved's song of truth. The voice of Love strikes with fire upon hearts of stone. The voice of Love uproots the thorns of fear, Love uproots fear in every open heart. The voice of Love is heard in every storm, and strips the ego bare; And in the heart's chapel, all cry, “Peace and Glory forever!” The Beloved lives in our hearts; Love dwells with us forever, You who awaken to the Light of universal Oneness will know the blessed joy of serving in the great Work of Love. -From Psalms for Praying © 2007 Nan C. Merrill</p>	

<p>Wed. May, 22, 2024 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"</p> <p>It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,</p> <p>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Romans 8:15-17</p>	
<p>Tues. May 28, 2024 Thur. May 30, 2024</p>	<p>Pslam 81:1-10 Sing, Shout, be Joyful! Play music, blow horns At the new moon, the full moon, the holy days, the Sabbath. Let this rejoicing be your practice.</p> <p>Hear the still, small voice— You called on me in trouble and I helped you. Keep listening! Open your heart and it will fill up. My longing is for you, as yours is for me. I want to whisper in your ear And satisfy your hunger with honey from the rock. POSTED BY CHRISTINE ROBINSON</p>	
<p>Wed. May 29, 2024 Lectio Divina Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth</p>	<p>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.</p> <p>Let love be genuine. Romans 12:15, 9</p>	