



Pathways Monthly Prayer Readings May 2022

Tuesday, Month of May
Contemplative Sit Practice

Contemplative Practice of the Month

Our contemplative practice for May is Meditating on New Life inspired by Joyce Rupp. She offers a meditation on the liminal experience of standing on a threshold, held between darkness and even death and the new life that wants to emerge. The Holy Spirit waits with us here offering life-giving energy to free us and gift us with what enables us to express the beauty of our soul.

Rupp offers this prayer:

Gestating Spirit,
your gifts of transformation
await me on every threshold.
Raise what has died in me.
Refresh it with your touch.
I open the door of my heart to you.
I open the door.

Wed. May 4, 2022 Lectio

John 10:27-30 NRSV

And Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.
No one will snatch them out of my hand.
What my Father has given me is greater than all else,
and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one."

John 10:27-30 The inclusive Bible

And Jesus replied, "My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost.
No one will ever snatch them from my hand.
Abba God, who gave them to me, is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal them from Abba God.
For Abba and I are one."

<p>Thur. May 5, 2022 April 7, 2022 Centering Prayer</p>	<p><u>Psalm 23 NABRE, modified</u> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. In green pastures you make me lie down, to still waters you lead me, you restore my soul. You guide me along right paths for the sake of your name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.</p>
<p>May 11, 2022 Lectio</p>	<p><u>Revelation 21:1-6 NRSV</u> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."</p>
<p>Thur. May 12, 2022 Centering Prayer</p>	<p><u>Psalm 148:6 (Iona Worship book)</u> Praise the holy name of the God who called you forth, who established you forever and ever by a decree that will never change.</p>

Wed. May 18, 2022 Lectio
Easter 6

John 14:26-29 NRSV

Jesus said to them, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

John 14:26-29 The Inclusive Bible

Jesus answered, "The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom Abba God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and she will remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. But the kind of peace, I give you is not like the world's peace. Don't let your hearts be distressed; don't be fearful. You've heard me say, 'I am going away, but I will return.' If you really loved me, loved me, you would rejoice because I am going to Abba God, For Abba is greater than I.'

OR

John 5:1-9 NRSV

And Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Acts 16:14-15 Come and Stay at my Home

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to the apostles; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

<p>Thur. May 19, 2022 Centering Prayer</p>	<p><u>Psalm 67:2-3, 7 ELW</u> Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. OR</p> <p>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.</p>
<p>Wed. May 25, 2022 Ascension Text Or Easter 7</p>	<p><u>Luke 24:49-52 NRSV</u> Jesus said to them, And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed the disciples. 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.</p> <p><u>Luke 24:49-52 The Inclusive Bible</u> Then Jesus said to them, “Take note: I am sending forth what Abba God has promised to you. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with the power from on high.” Then Jesus took them to the outskirts of Bethany, and with upraised hands blessed the disciples. While blessing them, the savior left them and was carried up to heaven. The disciples worshipped the Risen Christ and returned to Jerusalem full of joy.</p>
<p>Thur. May 26, 2022 Ascension</p>	<p><u>Psalm 93:1-2 NRSV</u> God has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.</p> <p><u>Psalm 93:1-2 The Inclusive Bible</u> YHWH reigns, robed in splendor. The world stands firm and cannot be moved; your throne stands firm from ages past; from eternity you exist. OR</p> <p><u>Revelation 22:13 NRSV</u> “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.</p>

Easter 7

John 17:20-23 NRSV

"I ask not only on behalf of these,
but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,
that they may all be one.
As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
The glory that you have given me I have given them,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me
and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:20-23 The Inclusive Bible

"I don't pray for them alone.
I pray also for those who believe in me through their message,
that all may be one,
as you, Abba, are in me and I in you;
I pray that they may be one in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave me,
that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be made perfect in unity.
Then the world will know that you sent me and that you loved them as you loved me.