

COMMUNION

We dwell in the place in which we are not traveling but are at home. The landscape of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ is our home. It is a landscape that we are never finished exploring, for new prospects are always emerging. Nevertheless, it is familiar to us and becomes all the more familiar the longer we reside there.

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
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UNION

The person who knows of the fountain of God's truth and love, which is continually welling up at the center of their being, will feel compelled to keep returning there often to cleanse, renew and refresh their whole being.

I LIVE, NOW NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME
(rpt)
VIVO, IAM NON EGO, VIVIT VERO IN ME CHRISTUS
(rpt)

If you would like to receive the Imago Dei email meditations to encourage your life of prayer, you can sign up on the website or email imago@shaw.ca

Check our website for information about groups meeting locally. Rob Des Cotes' books are available online.

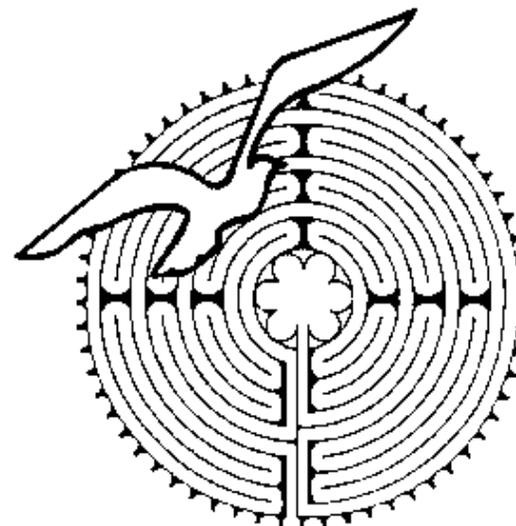
Our next **Contemplative Communion Service** will be announced in the weekly email.

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Contemplative Liturgy

June 5, 2021



with meditations from Hans Urs von Balthasar

*"Our innermost being was designed for dialogue with God. He alone can tell us what, in true, we are." **

**Prayer, Hans Urs von Balthasar*

Contemplative Liturgy

Contemplative prayer is a conversation in which God's word has the initiative and we, for the moment, can be nothing more than listeners.

HERE I AM, SPEAK O LORD
FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING, HERE I AM
HERE I AM, TEACH ME LORD
FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING, HERE I AM

AWAKENING

The contemplative has to be clay in the hand of the potter, a clay which is molded through prayer itself, content not to know in advance where it is going, only sensing it, as the process is actually taking place, from the disposition of the potter's shaping hands, confident that it is a good and loving work taking place.

Refrain: TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, TO YOU, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

To you, O God, I lift my soul; my God, in you I trust
Let me not be put to shame, nor let my foes defeat me
Let none who trust in you be ashamed
Show me your ways, teach me your paths
Lead me in your truth and teach me
For you are God, my saviour
In you I will place my trust

TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, TO YOU, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Remember your mercy, O God, and your steadfast love
For they are as old as time itself
Do not remember the offenses of my youth
According to your steadfast love, remember me
For the sake of your name, O God

TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, TO YOU, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

You are upright and good, O God
Therefore you lead those who have gone astray

You guide the humble into what is right
And teach the lowly your way
All your ways are loving and sure
For those who seek and obey you

TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, TO YOU, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

ILLUMINATION

Unless we are responding in obedience to the free work of God within us, we are not living up to the idea which God the Father had for us at creation. We were created to be hearers of the Word, and it is in responding to the Word that we attain our true dignity.

LET IT BE, UNTO ME,
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD

CONFESSION

The reason I run after the earthly water every day is because I have lost my grip on the heavenly water which I am really seeking.

YOU ARE THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
I WILL DRINK FROM YOUR RIVER OF DELIGHT
AND IN YOUR HOUSE I WILL REST IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS

IN YOUR LIGHT I WILL FIND MY WAY (X3)

It is only at the center where we learn what is decisive, namely, the truth about our life, what God wants and expects of us, what we should strive for and what we should avoid in the service of the divine Word.

LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY ON US,
KYRIE ELEISON (2X)
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