

## COMMUNION

IN REPENTANCE AND REST IS MY SALVATION  
AND THE QUIET OF TRUST WILL BE MY STRENGTH  
(repeat)

THE FRUIT OF SILENCE IS PRAYER  
THE FRUIT OF PRAYER IS FAITH  
THE FRUIT OF FAITH IS LOVE  
THE FRUIT OF LOVE IS PEACE

## UNION

Graciously hear my prayer, O Lord, lest my soul falter under your correction, lest I falter in confessing to your mercies, by which you have delivered me out of all my most wicked ways. Grant this, so that you may grow sweet to me above all allurements that I may follow after. May I love you most ardently, may I cling to your hand with all my heart, Deliver me from all my temptations even to the end.

GOD EVER MERCIFUL (see insert)

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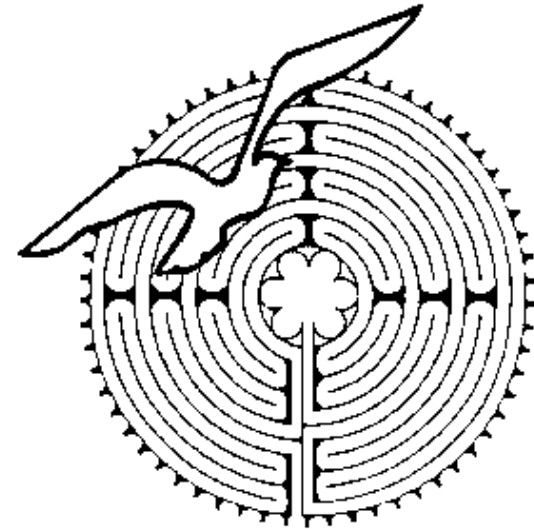
Our next **Contemplative Communion Service** will be **June 13 @ 7 pm.**

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# *Contemplative Liturgy*

## *May 9, 2026*



with meditations  
from St Augustine's *Confessions*

# *Contemplative Liturgy*

## **AWAKENING**

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power and to your wisdom there is no limit. And man, who is part of your creation, wishes to praise you. You arouse him to take joy in praising you, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

COME THOU FOUNT (see insert)

## **ILLUMINATION**

Who then are you, my God?...Most high, utterly good, utterly powerful, most omnipotent, most merciful, most just, deeply hidden yet intimately present, perfection of both beauty and strength, stable and incomprehensible, immutable and yet changing all things, never new, never old, making everything new

O LORD YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL  
YOUR FACE IS ALL I SEEK  
AND WHEN YOUR EYES ARE ON THIS CHILD  
YOUR GRACE ABOUNDS TO ME

O LORD YOU'RE WONDERFUL  
YOUR TOUCH IS ALL I NEED  
AND WHEN YOUR HAND IS ON THIS CHILD  
YOUR HEALING I RECEIVE

O LORD PLEASE LIGHT THE FIRE  
THAT ONCE BURNED BRIGHT AND CLEAR  
REPLACE THE LAMP OF MY FIRST LOVE  
THAT BURNS WITH HOLY FEAR.

What, therefore, do I love when I love my God? Not bodily beauty, not the clear shining light, lovely as it is to our eyes, not the sweet melodies of many-moded songs, not the smell of flowers and ointments, not limbs made for the body's embrace, not these do I love when I love my God. Yet I do love a certain light, a certain voice, a certain odour, a certain embrace when I love my God. Not with doubtful but with pure knowledge do I love you, O Lord. By your word you have transfixed my heart, and I have loved you. Heaven and earth and all things in them, behold! - everywhere they say that I should love you

REFRAIN: IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD  
AND TO SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME  
O MOST HIGH  
O MOST HIGH

## **CONFESSION**

Let us love him, for he has made all things, and he is not far from us. He did not make all things and then leave them, but they are from him and in him. He is wherever truth is known. He is within our very hearts, but our hearts have strayed far from him. 'Return, you transgressors, to the heart, and cling to him who made you.' Stand fast with him, and you will in truth stand fast. Rest in him, and you will in truth have rest.

IN GOD ALONE MY SOUL CAN FIND REST AND PEACE  
IN GOD MY PEACE AND JOY  
ONLY IN GOD MY SOUL CAN FIND ITS REST  
FIND ITS REST AND PEACE

For my sin was that I sought out pleasures, grandeurs, and truths not in him but in his creatures, in myself and in others, and thus fell headlong into sorrows, confusion, and errors. Then at once, every hope became worthless to me, and with a hot-burning desire I longed for immortality in wisdom and began now to rise upward, so that I might return to you.

### COME THOU FOUNT

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING  
TUNE MY HEART TO SING THY GRACE  
STREAMS OF MERCY NEVER CEASING  
CALL FOR SONGS OF LOUDEST PRAISE

TEACH ME SOME MELODIOUS SONNET  
SUNG BY FLAMING TONGUES ABOVE  
PRAISE THE MOUNT, I'M FIXED UPON IT  
MOUNT OF THY REDEEMING LOVE

O TO GRACE HOW GREAT A DEBTOR  
DAILY I'M CONSTRAINED TO BE  
LET THY GOODNESS LIKE A FETTER  
BIND MY WANDERING HEART TO THEE

PRONE TO WANDER, LORD, I FEEL IT  
PRONE TO LEAVE THE GOD I LOVE  
HERE'S MY HEART O TAKE AND SEAL IT  
SEAL IT FOR THY COURTS ABOVE

### GOD EVER MERCIFUL

GOD EVER MERCIFUL  
GRANT US PEACE WE PRAY  
GOD EVER FAITHFUL  
WE EXALT YOUR HOLY NAME

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLE-LU-IA  
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLE-LU-IA

GOD EVER MERCIFUL  
MAKE US ONE WE PRAY  
GOD EVER FAITHFUL  
WE EXALT YOUR HOLY NAME

ALLELUIA.....

GOD EVER MERCIFUL MAKE US ONE WE PRAY  
GOD EVER FAITHFUL  
WE EXALT YOUR HOLY NAME

ALLELUIA....

GOD EVER MERCIFUL  
HEAR THE PRAYERS OF OUR HEARTS  
GOD EVER FAITHFUL  
AS WE PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME

