



Contemplative Evening Service: Saturday before the 6th Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2024 | 5:00 pm

Contemplative Prelude

Nancy Lillie

Welcome

Betsy Kabrick

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ringing of the Bell (3x)

Hymn

“Spirit of the Living God,” *Songs for Worship* #195

**Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
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Prayers of the People

Traces of Glory, p. 73

Presider

Lord, as you have chosen us, empower and equip us; make us worthy of our calling that we may reveal your love and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit abides for ever. **Amen.**

Leader

We rejoice that you have called us to be children of God, you have given us a faith that in you conquers all things. Bless, O Lord, all who are seeking to live by what they believe, all who long to hear your word and do your will. We pray for all in their ministry and vocation, especially for any going through a time of trial or temptation.

Lord of all creation, **your will be done.**

Leader Guide all leaders in industry and commerce; may the goods of this world be neither hoarded nor squandered. We pray that there may be a fairer distribution of wealth. We pray for all who are ill treated in the world of trade.

Lord of all creation, **your will be done.**

Leader Lord, we rejoice that you have called us to know you, you have called us to love you, you have called us to serve you. May we reveal our calling, love, and service in all our dealings. Lord, bless and protect our homes and loved ones.

Lord of all creation, **your will be done.**

Leader Lord of love, be a comfort to the sorrowing, be a strength to the weak, give hope to all who are dying. We pray for all who have been injured this week, all who have fallen into illness or disability, for those who can no longer cope on their own; that each in their trouble may know your love.

Lord of all creation, **your will be done.**

Leader We pray for our loved ones departed. We look forward to the time when we shall see and know, when we shall know and love, when we shall love and enjoy you for ever, when we shall share with your saints in glory.

Lord of all creation, **your will be done.**

Presider My friends, I invite you to lift up to our loving God that which gives joy to or burdens your heart this evening. For whom and for what shall we pray?

Here other intercessions may be offered, silently or aloud, as candles are lit.

Presider O God, we thank you for the power of divine love and for the presence of your love in one another. Guide us all finally into that greatest love who is Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This," *Songs for Worship #59*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Reflection

Betsy Kabrick

Silence *(for 8 minutes, with a bell rung at the beginning and end)*

Hymn

"God is Love Let Heaven Adore Him," *1982 Hymnal #379*

**God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation; God is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love; and love enfold us, all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds u, every child of every race,
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that self-same aching, deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.**

The Closing

Presider Live without fear: our Creator has made us holy, has always protected us, and loves us as a mother. May the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with us, among us, and with all those we love, and pray for, and serve, this evening and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider Jesus said to his apostles, “Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.”

Let us now go with the peace of Jesus Christ nestled safely in our hearts as we go out into the world to walk the Way of Love and shine with the light of Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *(Unmute and respond aloud.)*
And also with you. *(Re-mute.)*

Closing Chant

“Be Still and Know,” *Songs For Worship #109*

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be still.

Be.

Ringling of the Bell (3x)

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A Community Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

Sunday	05/05	10:00am	Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed on YouTube)
Sunday	05/05	4:30pm	Youth Group (in person at SMM)
Tuesday	05/07	9:15am	Centering Prayer (in person in the Library and on Zoom)
Wednesday	05/08	9:00am	Men's Discussion Group (in person in the Library and on Zoom)
Saturday	05/11	5:00pm	Holden Evening Prayer (in person and livestreamed on YouTube)

Donate to Our Offering Plate

Please prayerfully consider giving to our plate offering today. Your generosity helps support the work and mission of the church. You can also give online (at smmboulder.org/give) or text GIVE to 720-797-5717.

Please welcome our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas, who is worshipping with us this morning.

Today's Offering Plate will be donated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Please welcome our interim rector, Rev. Sarah Berlin.

Rev. Sarah will be shepherding our community through our rector search.

Youth Group | Sunday, May 5th at 4:30pm (in person at SMM)

Join us at 4:30 at SMM for a pizza dinner and the opportunity to share your hopes for St. Mary Magdalene with the visioning committee. We will also have a scavenger hunt (with prizes) to help you get to know the Book of Common Prayer.

Coffee Hour | Sign Up Sheet Is Available

Pick your Sunday to sponsor Coffee Hour! Sign up sheet is on the sign up table in the entryway.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays, 9:15am - 10:15am (in person and on Zoom)

This is a great time to join Centering Prayer as we begin our new book, *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman (with a new foreword by Yolanda Pierce) on Tuesday, April 16. Please join us for a time of centering prayer followed by readings from contemplative authors as well as discussion. Contact the office at office@smmboulder.org for more information.

Men's Discussion Group | Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:00am (in person and on Zoom)

Join us for open discussion and examination of spiritual themes.

2nd Sunday Women's Gathering | Sunday, May 12, at 11:45 (in person in the library)

Our presenter is Ann Johnson, a retired Episcopal priest, who will share her spiritual journey story titled, "Surrendering into the Spirit's Unexpected". Note: We will have a women's gathering in June, and then take the months of July and August off, starting again in September with more women's spiritual journey stories. Let Joan Rinner (joanrinner@gmail.com) know if you'd be interested in presenting.

Outreach Fundraising Events | Three events to raise money for Outreach coming up in the next few months:

- May 17, 6:30pm: Music Night at the Poley House. \$15 per person. Max of 30 people
- June 8, 7:00pm: Poker Game at Bill Andrews House. \$20 per person. Max of 15 people
- June 14, 7:30pm: Star Gazing at the Church. \$10 per person, Max of \$20 per family. No Maximum

There will be sign up sheets in the back of the church after many of the upcoming services or you can contact Bill Andrews at wmandrews@yahoo.com to sign up or if you have questions.