Saturday 9 am Prayer for May 2, 2020

Call to Worship

O Creator, let my soul rise up to meet you

**As the day rises to meet the sun.**

**Glory to God the Creator, the Son, and the Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, forever! Amen.**

Prayer of Approach

Before, Behind, Beneath.

Creation, Conception, Birth.

Redemption

This prayer, this moment,

Creator’s Spirit.

Holy Spirit,

Infinitude

Eternally pouring forth,

Energy of love

Sustaining the Universe.

Come,

Creator Spirit

Conceiving Spirit

Initiating Spirit

Life-giving

Birth-giving

Spirit

Life breath of love.

Holy Spirit,

Your blessed unction from above

Is fire of love

Let us burn with You

**Amen**

Proclamation of the Word

*Reading of the Psalm*

Psalm 23 …

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qD_BehgFJk>

*Gospel acclamation (Alleluia)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)

*Reading of the Gospel*

Luke 15:1-7

*Gospel acclamation (Alleluia)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)

We are called again into presence with today’s psalm and gospel. A presence deep with compassion and encompassing. We are held close as we pray continually...

Please join me in singing Christ Be Beside Me.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNkWoy5uVh8>

Parent, Spirit, Son be beside us as we together recite our Affirmation of Faith.

Affirmation of Faith – UCC Creed

**We are not alone,**

 **we live in God’s world.**

 **We believe in God:**

 **who has created and is creating,**

 **who has come in Jesus,**

 **the Word made flesh,**

 **to reconcile and make new,**

 **who works in us and others**

 **by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

 **to celebrate God’s presence,**

 **to live with respect in Creation,**

 **to love and serve others,**

 **to seek justice and resist evil,**

 **to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

 **our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

 **God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

 **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

As your people God we know we are not alone, we know You are with us, always. And as Your children we also know we are called to prayer. To pray for each other, to pray for those known and unknown, to pray and reach beyond ourselves, always inviting others to the banquet table in love, and with deep compassion. So, God this morning we come to You ready to pray, ready to lift our words unto thine ears; thank You God for hearing them!

Please share your prayers with each other!

After each offering, I will say: Gracious God hear our prayers,

You are invited to respond: **And in Your Love Answer.**

And finally, God we end with the prayer taught to us by Your beloved Jesus:

**Our Father, Our Mother, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed by thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done in earth,**

**As it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**The power, and the glory,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the peace of Christ go with you: wherever He may send You;

May He guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;

May He bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders He has shown you;

May He bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

(Thanks to Brandan O’Malley *A Celtic Primer*)