

CBI Communal Prayer Service, May 3, 2014 – Feast of James and Philip

Opening Song: *Open My Eyes Lord*, by Jesse Manibusan; verses 1-2

OPEN MY EYES

Jesse Manibusan



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

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Opening Prayer: (Prayer Leader)

Lord we praise you for the great faith in action of Philip who along with Peter was the first to bring your Easter Presence to the north beyond Judea. Like Philip, may we see you truly and know that in seeing you, we see the Father. And Lord, we praise you for the true faith of James, whose Jewish approach to faith moves us to the heart of your love: to trust in you so much that we master ourselves in loving service of those You call us to love. Like your creation may we know and love you in silence and in work.

Responsorial Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5

Refrain (Cantor): *The heavens declare the 'glory of 'God;*
and the firmament pro'claims his han'di'work, Alle''lu'ia. (All repeat)

Right: The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day pours out the word to day;
and night to night imparts knowledge. **(All: Refrain)**

Left: Not a word nor a discourse
whose voice is not heard;
Through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message. **(All: Refrain)**

Gospel: John 14:6-14

Reader 1: Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father.
From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Reader 2: Philip said to him,
"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."
Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time
and you still do not know me, Philip?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Reader 3: How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.
The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.
Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,
or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Reader 4: Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,
and will do greater ones than these,
because I am going to the Father.
And whatever you ask in my name, I will do,
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

A Reflection from Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*, pp. 99-100.

Let this be my only consolation – that, where I am,
You my Lord are loved and praised.
The trees indeed love You without knowing You.
Without being aware of Your presence,
The tiger lilies and cornflowers proclaim that they love You.
The beautiful dark clouds ride slowly across the sky musing on You,
like children who do not know what they are dreaming of as they play.
In the midst of them all, I know You and I know of Your Presence.
In them and in me I know of the love that they do not know and,
what is greater, I am abashed by the presence of Your love in me.
O kind and terrible love which You have given me
and which could never be in my heart if You did not love me!
In the midst of these things that have never offended You, I am loved by You,
most of all as one who has offended You.
I am seen by You under the sky and my offenses have been forgotten by You.

Closing Song: *Open My Eyes Lord*, by Jesse Manibusen; verses 3-4

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Call to prayer

Leader: Let us recall the holy presence of God. (*pause for centering*)

Leader: We give thanks, God of wonder, for your presence that surrounds us,

All: And for all you have revealed to us.

Leader: May we continue to see your glory, your justice, and your peace.

All: May our lives and our world be reawakened by the power of your Word.

Reflection

(Take a few moments to thank God personally for CBI and God's word in your life.)

Reading: John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Responsorial: Psalm 119:9-16 “The Glories of God's Law”

Ref.: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

⁹How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments. **Ref.**

¹¹I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.

¹²Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes. **Ref.**

¹³With my lips I declare
all the ordinances of your mouth.

¹⁴I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches. **Ref.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word. **Ref.**

Intercessions

Leader Lord of all, we seek your inspiration in all that we do. Hear us as we pray.
Fill our hearts, Lord.

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Leader In all that we need to see, let your word fill us. Hear us as we pray,

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Leader In all that we need to hear, let your word inspire us. Hear us as we pray,

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Leader In all that we need to do, let your word be our guiding force. Hear us as we pray,

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Leader In everyone we meet, let your word take root through our example. Hear us as we pray,

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Leader In all those whose lives we touch- spouses, children, coworkers- let your word be always compassionate, merciful and loving. Hear us as we pray,

All *Fill our hearts, Lord.*

Leader In every decision we make for the parish, the community, and the world, let your word be the fire that shows us our path. Hear us as we pray,

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Leader In every prayer we make, let your word fill us with grace and power. Hear us as we pray,

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Leader In every way you speak to us --especially in Scripture, worship, and in the voices of those we serve-- let us recognize and embrace your word. Hear us as we pray,

All **Fill our hearts, Lord.**

Concluding Prayer

Leader Lord of all, we stand humbled and grateful for your trust in our ability to share your word effectively and joyfully in all that we seek to do in your name. Watch over us and guide us. We ask this the name of you Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

All **Amen.**