



The CENTER  
for Christian Spirituality

# *Rhythms of Grace: Keeping Company with Jesus through Offering our Resources*

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*I said: What about my heart?  
The Beloved said: Tell me what you hold inside it?  
I said: Pain and sorrow.  
The Beloved said: Stay with it.  
The wound is the place where the Light enters you.  
Rumi*

## Call to Worship

*Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;  
Walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.*

*Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,  
Entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.*

*I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?*

*Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,  
Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.*

*Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.  
Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer.*

*God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal.  
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.*

*“The Call of Wisdom”*

## Seeking God

*Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

Scripture

Luke 19:1-4

*Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.*

Meditation

Song of Response

*“Quiet My Heart”*

*Hear in the silence the whispers of memory,  
Be still and listen, be still and wait.  
Wait for the voice that once echoed through Eden.  
That speaks affirmation, that longs to create.  
The voice in the garden, the voice in the cloud,  
The voice in the temple, still speaks aloud.*

*Quiet my heart, till I can hear.  
There are distractions ever near.  
Quiet my heart, help me discern,  
What are the lessons I must learn.  
Quiet my heart.*

Scripture

Luke 19:5-6

*When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him,  
“Zacchaeus, hurry and come down;  
for today I must abide in your house.”*

*So Zacchaeus hurried down and joyfully welcomed him as a guest.*

Meditation

Song of Response

*“Quiet My Heart”*

*Help me awaken and rise up from slumber,  
Shake off the darkness, shine with your light.  
Willing to listen, to learn, and to follow.  
To love with your passion, to see with your sight.  
Help me be watchful for where I'm asleep,  
Attentive and mindful. God come and speak!*

*Quiet my heart, till I can hear.  
There are distractions ever near.  
Quiet my heart, help me discern,  
What are the lessons I must learn.  
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## Resting in Grace

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. You are in the Love of God. Christ is your Divine Center. There is nothing you need to do. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Grace, Love, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit. Or follow the rhythm of your breath.

## Affirming God's Presence

*I am here, I am with you.  
I have called: do you hear me?  
I am here, I am here,  
I am with you.*

*"The Call of Wisdom"*

## Holy Communion

### Communion Song

*Thank you, thank you.  
I welcome your gift of being alive,  
And cry thank you, thank you.  
Yes I will abide in you.*

*Thank you, thank you.  
I welcome your gift of being alive,  
And cry thank you, thank you.  
Yes I will abide in you.*

*I'll keep believing that you dwell within,  
I'm right where I need to be.  
Content in the knowledge of being your child.  
So grateful my soul longs to sing.*

*And cry thank you.....*

*"I Will Abide in You"*

## Scripture

Luke 19:7-10

*All who saw it began to grumble and said, "Jesus has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."*

*Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."*

*Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."*

## Meditation

Song of Response

*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
Ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

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