



Altars in the World

8:45 a.m. + October 31, 2021 + All Hallows' Eve

To pronounce a blessing on something is to see it from the divine perspective.

To pronounce a blessing is to participate in God's own initiative.

To pronounce a blessing is to share God's own audacity.

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Singing Blessing

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.*

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Welcome

Filled with Gratitude

*Thank you, thank you,
You chose to bless me before I was born!
So, I thank you, thank you.
Thank you for loving me.*

"Thank You"

*Help me to grasp just how much I am loved,
Let gratitude flood my heart.
And when doubts overwhelm, I'll remember your words,
And cling to the truth they reveal.*

And say thank you...

The Morning Psalm

Remain ever before me, O Loving Presence, for in You am I safe.

You are my Beloved; in You I can do all things.

*I look to those who are at one with You
and learn from them of your ways;*

My delight increases each time I sense Your presence within me!

*Love is my chosen food, my cup,
holding me in its power.*

Where I have come from, Where'er I shall go,

Love is my birthright, my true estate.

*I bless the Counselor who guides my way;
in the night also does my heart instruct me.*

I walk beside the Spirit of Truth; I celebrate the Light.

Thus my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

I shall not be afraid, nor fall into the pit of despair;

In Love's presence there is fullness of joy.

You are my Beloved; in You will I live.

Psalm 16, Psalms for Praying

Blessing the Body

Holy Containers

“Within”

*Within. Within. Within my soul a treasure lies,
The God of heaven and earth resides within. Within.
This temple built of flesh and bone,
Contains inside God's holy throne!
Within. Within. Within.*

*In faith. In fear. No matter what may come along,
Within my heart you sing a song of hope. Of love.
A reassuring melody,
That stirs from deep inside of me.
Within. Within. Within.*

Wrestling the Unknown

Genesis 32:24-29

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

Examen

Silence

During these 4 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, or breathe deeply down into your belly. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Mercy, Love, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit. Or follow the rhythm of your breath.

Communion

Blessing Others

Singing Blessing

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you.
And give you peace, and give you peace.
And give you peace forever.*

*The Lord be gracious to you,
The Lord turn his face towards you.
And give you peace, and give you peace.
And give you peace forever.*

Receiving a Good Word

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