



THE CENTER
for Christian Spirituality

Welcoming New Members

Following his resurrection and ascension, the Spirit of the Living Christ sent his students out into the world with his blessing and gifts, seeking to build the Spiritual Body of True Humanity through devotion to a path of contemplative seeing, wisdom, and practice until all creation is brought to full transformation of being and consciousness. This is our work and our task together now in this world.

Are you on a contemplative journey:

- *awakening to the Light of God within and around you?* I am.
- *aligning your heart with the Life-giving Wisdom of Christ?* I am.
- *allowing the Love of God's Spirit to manifest through you?* I am.

Affirming Our Trust

We entrust ourselves to God, the Holy, Loving Mystery:

***Beyond all names and rational conception,
the Source and End of all things,
The true Lover of our souls,
the deepest Desire of our hearts.***

We entrust ourselves to Jesus, Holy Epiphany of God's Love:

***Incarnation of God's Word, Teacher of God's Wisdom,
Prophet of God's passion, Channel of God's healing,
Guide to the heart of God,***

***Who by his baptism reveals we are Beloved,
By his life reveals the Way to God,
By his death reveals the Love of God,
By his resurrection reveals the Power of God.***

We entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God filling our being:

***The Fire of God purifying our passions,
the Wisdom of God dispelling our illusions,
the Light of God revealing our true self.***

We entrust ourselves to the process of growing into the fullness of Christ:

***An epiphany of God's care and concern,
a bridge between heaven and earth,
a conduit of God's truth and wisdom,
manifesting God's mercy and peace.***

We entrust ourselves to the Body of Christ:

*The seekers of God who follow the Way of Jesus,
Worshipping God together in spirit and truth,
Serving others together in humility and love,
Becoming the eyes, mouth, hands, and feet of Christ in this world.*

We entrust ourselves to God's Reign, the Eternal Now:

*Within us and all around us, where heaven and earth become one,
a state where we taste and see God's goodness,
accessible to all who are attentive to their heart and practice resurrection.*

We entrust ourselves to the reality of our mortality:

*Trusting that in death, life is transformed, not snatched away,
and that we will return to the Holy, Loving Mystery,
the Source and End of all things,
Who receives us into the light, life, and love of God for all eternity. Amen.*

Journeying Together

*As a member of the universal Body of the Anointed One, will you be faithful to God through
The Center for Christian Spirituality, and faithfully participate in our ministries by your
prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?*

I will.

Celebrating our New Members

*We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in
Christian love. As members together with you in the Body of Christ, and in this
congregation, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of
the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that
in everything God, our Loving Source and Origin, may be glorified through the Light
of Christ, shining through us.*