

Summer By the Sea

8:45 a.m. + June 11, 2023

*Jesus made things whole, and the Gospels are replete with stories of Jesus' "whole-making."
As Jesus announced his mission of whole-making, he directed himself to those who are in need of being made whole....
He indicated that his mission is not one of power but one of healing, making whole through the "Spirit of the Lord,"
the Spirit who anointed Jesus to reach out to those who are broken or disconnected from the fullness of life.
Ilia Delio, *The Emergent Christ**



*Healing is plate 22 in the book *The Painted Word: Paintings by John Reilly*.*

Opening to God

*Love like a waterfall, falling on us,
Flooding our hearts with grace and peace.
Healing waters flow, flowing on us,
Flooding our hearts with love.*

*Every moment of every day God is loving us.
Showers of mercy and waves of forgiveness are covering us.*

"Love Like a Waterfall"

The Morning Psalm (with sung response)

*Selected verses from Psalms 25 and 80,
Contemplative adaptation from
Psalms for Praying (Nan Merrill)*

*To You, O Love, I lift up my soul!
O Heart within my heart,
in You I place my trust.*

*Eternal Listener, give heed to Your people,
You, who are our Guide and our Light!
You, who dwell amidst the angels,
shine forth into the heart of all nations!
Enliven Your people with compassion
that peace and justice might flourish.*

Sung response: *Restore us, O Holy One;
Let your face shine on us,
Teach us to love!*

*Compel me to know Your ways, O Love;
instruct me upon Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth, and teach me,
for through You will I know wholeness;
I shall reflect your Light both day and night.*

*Gentle Teacher, help us to turn to You in prayer,
fasting from our negative thoughts.
In Your steadfast Love, You weep with our tears,
tears that rise from fear, doubt, and illusion.
You uphold us when we feel the sting of pride,
when our anxiety threatens to paralyze us.*

Sung response: *Restore us, O Holy One...*

*You are gracious and just, O Spirit of Truth,
happy to guide those who miss their way;
You enjoy teaching all who are open,
all who choose to live in truth.
Your paths are loving and sure, O Holy One,
and those who give witness to You through their lives
are blessed beyond measure.*

*May those who have borne the fruit of love
radiate Your Spirit into the world!
May we always walk and co-create with You.
Receive the gratitude of our hearts,
as we share in the Great Plan!*

Sung response: *Restore us, O Holy One...*

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-34

Immediately coming out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. The mother-in-law of Simon was laying down, on fire with fever, and immediately they told him about her. Jesus came near and raised her up, taking her by the hand. Then the fever immediately released her. And then she began ministering to them.

At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to him all who were diseased and who were under the power of a demon. The whole city was gathered together at the threshold. Jesus was healing many who were diseased with various infirmities, and he cast out many demons. He did not release the demons to speak, because they perceived him.

Guided Meditation

Song of Response

“In Love You Summon”

*In love you summon, in love I follow,
Living today for your tomorrow.
Christ to release me, Christ to enfold me,
Christ to restrain me,
Christ to uphold me.*

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:45

For the “Son of Man” – the Child of Humanity – did not come to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Meditation

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Resting in the Silence

During these 5 minutes of silence, simply rest in God’s abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. Descend into this Silence. There is nothing you need to do. Just relax. Sense your body. Breathe more deeply than usual. It can help to focus on the region of the heart. You might use a breath prayer to help you descend into this silence at the level of the heart, such as “Through You” (inhale), “I am whole” (exhale), or use a sacred word (such as Love, Peace, Beloved, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit).

God’s Ever Presence

“God’s Eye Be Within Me”

*God’s eye be within me,
God’s foot be before me,
God’s spirit be round me to shield and restore me.
God’s freedom to choose me,
God’s justice to fuse me,
God’s purpose to liberate and transform and use me.*

Communion

Receiving a Good Word



June Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 28 | 6:30 p.m. | The Anchor House

Our Book of the month for June is Fire of the North: The Life of St. Cuthbert, written by David Adam, who was the Vicar of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne for 13 years. St. Cuthbert was a 7th century monk and bishop of Lindisfarne, which was a major epicenter of Celtic Christianity. Drawing out the qualities which make Cuthbert so important in our own time, Fire of the North celebrates the saint's ready sense of God's presence and eager response to nature. The narrative is complemented throughout by prayers specially composed to help us experience the direct force of Celtic spirituality for ourselves.

"Saints & Pilgrims: A Pilgrimage along the Coast of East England"

October 16-27, 2023

Journey in the footsteps of medieval British saints and pilgrims along the eastern coast of England. There are three primary anchor pilgrimage sites and saints: Julian of Norwich, Hilda of Whitby, and Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. Along the way we will also visit the Shrine of Our Lady in the town of Walsingham (which was a major pilgrimage site in the medieval period); Rievaulx Abbey, home of St. Aelred; and Durham Cathedral. We conclude our pilgrimage in Edinburgh. This contemplative pilgrimage will be an opportunity to deepen your spirituality through exploring the literary texts as well as the historical contexts of these great British saints of medieval Christianity. To reserve a spot please see Michael or Peter for a Registration Form, the deposit is \$300. For more information go to www.thecenterfcs.org/pilgrimage.

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