

Psalm 119

*You ever enfold us in the power of
your boundless love,
according to your Promise to us.*

*You have implanted the Divine Seed
in every heart,
a Treasure beyond words.*

*Teach us to nurture that Seed so
it might blossom into fullness
and maturity.*

*O, Giver of Life, may we recognize
the Divine Seed in every person.
May we be sensitive to all we meet
along the way,
blessing and encouraging one another.*

*May we know that who we are is
a reflection of You,
the Divine Seed we bear.*

*You are the Sunlight of our heart,
the Water that brings forth life!
Praise be to You, O Holy One
of Ineffable Power!*

From *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill



Spring Beneath The Snow



*Coastal Delmarva
Voice of the Faithful
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Meditation Music "Fly Like a Bird"
From "You Are Near" by Robert Kochis

Leader: God who made us,
who has always known us
and placed his mark upon us . . .

All: We praise your holy name.

Leader: God who saves us,
who became flesh for us
and was sacrificed for us . . .

All: We praise your holy name.

Leader: God who empowers us,
who breathes life within us
and daily sustains us . . .

All: We praise your holy name.

Leader: Holy and blessed Trinity,
the oneness that binds us
and the presence around us . . .

All: We praise your holy name. Amen.

From The Act of Prayer by John Birch

Scripture Reading Hebrews 6:10-12

Brothers and sisters: God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones. We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises.

Translation from New American Bible

Period of Silence

Shared Reflection

- What do you hear Christ saying to us in his word?



Closing

Leader:

Creator God, at the start of this New Year when thoughts turn again to beginnings and starting afresh, be with us as we gaze into the distance of fresh mission grounds, of hopes and dreams, opportunities for service, challenges, and uncertainties.

All:

Take our fears and turn them into strengths. Take our lack of faith and empower us through the Spirit who breathes life into this world, whose presence is reflected in the icy chill of winter's breath, as well as the comforting warmth of a summer breeze. Walk with us into this New Year of opportunity. Amen

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