



### Statement of Intention for Centering Prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,  
alive at the center of our being, we  
wish to surrender in love to You.  
May our sacred word,

which we will gently pray  
when we engage with our thoughts,  
be a sign and symbol of our intention to  
consent to Your Divine Presence  
And Action within.

Readings for Sunday, April 6, 2008

#### Reading 1 (Acts 2:14, 22-33)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice, and proclaimed:  
“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in  
Jerusalem.  
Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.  
You who are Israelites, hear these words.  
Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you  
by God  
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,  
which God worked through him in your midst, as you  
yourselves know.  
This man, delivered up by the set plan and  
foreknowledge of God,  
you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.  
But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes  
of death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.  
For David says of him:

*I saw the Lord ever before me,  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.  
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue  
has exulted;  
my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,  
because you will not abandon my soul to the  
netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

“My brothers, one can confidently say to you  
about the patriarch David that he died and was  
buried,  
and his tomb is in our midst to this day.  
But since he was a prophet and knew that God had  
sworn an oath to him  
that he would set one of his descendants upon his  
throne,  
he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the  
Christ,  
that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld  
nor did his flesh see corruption.

God raised this Jesus;  
of this we are all witnesses.  
Exalted at the right hand of God,  
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the  
Father  
and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11)

##### **R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.

##### **R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

##### **R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
because you will not abandon my soul to the  
netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo  
corruption.

##### **R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

You will show me the path to life,  
abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.

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#### Reading II (1 Pt 1:17-21)

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially  
according to each one's works,  
conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of  
your sojourning,  
realizing that you were ransomed from your futile  
conduct,  
handed on by your ancestors,  
not with perishable things like silver or gold





but with the precious blood of Christ  
as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world  
but revealed in the final time for you,  
who through him believe in God  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are in God.

**Gospel (Lk 24:13-35)**

That very day, the first day of the week,  
two of Jesus' disciples were going  
to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called  
Emmaus,  
and they were conversing about all the things that  
had occurred.  
And it happened that while they were conversing and  
debating,  
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,  
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.  
He asked them,  
"What are you discussing as you walk along?"  
They stopped, looking downcast.  
One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,  
"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem  
who does not know of the things  
that have taken place there in these days?"  
And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"  
They said to him,  
"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,  
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word  
before God and all the people,  
how our chief priests and rulers both handed him  
over  
to a sentence of death and crucified him.  
But we were hoping that he would be the one to  
redeem Israel;  
and besides all this,  
it is now the third day since this took place.  
Some women from our group, however, have  
astounded us:  
they were at the tomb early in the morning  
and did not find his body;  
they came back and reported  
that they had indeed seen a vision of angels  
who announced that he was alive.  
Then some of those with us went to the tomb  
and found things just as the women had described,  
but him they did not see."  
And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are!  
How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets  
spoke!  
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer

these things  
and enter into his glory?"  
Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
he interpreted to them what referred to him  
in all the Scriptures.  
As they approached the village to which they were  
going,  
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.  
But they urged him, "Stay with us,  
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."  
So he went in to stay with them.  
And it happened that, while he was with them at  
table,  
he took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them.  
With that their eyes were opened and they  
recognized him,  
but he vanished from their sight.  
Then they said to each other,  
"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the  
Scriptures to us?"  
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem  
where they found gathered together  
the eleven and those with them who were saying,  
"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to  
Simon!"  
Then the two recounted  
what had taken place on the way  
and how he was made known to them in the breaking  
of bread.

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prayer groups, let our intentions include the needs of each  
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Seminary in Irving, St. Joseph Catholic Church in  
Richardson, and Our Lady of the Lake Church in Rockwall*

