



open
to the future,
led
by the spirit

Opening Prayer: The Spirit of God is always with us at this time, in this place...

Leader: We awaken in our time to a Universe which is holy,
to creation which is not an event in the past, but a living event of the present.
We enter a new mode of human presence
where we are not merely observers,
but where each of us is a participant in this moment of evolution.

L: Like all other creatures, we carry with us Wisdom and Values,
the dynamics of the Universe.
But unlike other creatures, we must choose whether and how we will live
in harmony within this sacred web of creation.
May we be open to the Source of All Being, Our God within and among us!

R: We have the capacity to wonder,
and to celebrate this great mystery of existence
within such a magnificent Universe!
In us the Universe enters into a great celebration of itself.
We are part of the Dance, the Great Work,
the Great liturgy which is the Universe unfolding.

L: Glory to You, O God, Source of All Being!
This great Liturgy finds expression at this moment in us,
gathered here in a posture of **prayerful openness**,
with **listening hearts, loving spirits**, and **a holy wonder**.

R: May the sacred web that unites us with each other, our God, and all creation,
ignite communities of light and hope throughout the Earth.
May we be open to the Source of All Being, Our God within and among us!

All: O Gracious, gentle Spirit of Love,
Your energy permeates the Universe,
igniting the Earth
with Your Goodness, Truth, and Beauty.
Open our minds and hearts
to a deeper awareness
of our interconnectedness with You,
each other, and all creation.
May we experience Your unique presence
within the sacred web of creation.

-Xavier University Resources

Opening Music: “Spirit of the Living God” – Michael Crawford

Second Reading: --Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s Meditation for Pentecost Sunday

The Acts of the Apostles adds that when the disciples were all gathered together, there appeared to them separate tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them. Immediately they began to speak in various languages, according to the grace given to them by the Holy Spirit.

An amazing thing: that these men, up to then so earthly-minded that they could not grasp the sacred truths that Jesus Christ taught them, were all at once so enlightened that they could now explain clearly and with all imaginable accuracy the words of Holy Scripture! As a result, those present were completely surprised and filled with amazement, and in little time they converted a very great number of them, because, as Saint Peter told them, the Spirit of God had been poured out upon them.

You carry out a work that requires you to touch hearts, but this you cannot do except by the Spirit of God. Pray to him to give you today the same grace he gave the holy apostles, and ask him that, after filling you with his Holy Spirit to sanctify yourselves, he also communicates himself to you in order to procure the salvation of others.



Choral Reading: Psalm 139 from the USCCB

L: LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar.	Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee?
R: You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways you are familiar.	If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol, there you are.
Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all.	If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea,
Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me.	Even there your hand guides me, your right hand holds me fast.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach.	If I say, “Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light”—

Darkness is not dark for you,
and night shines as the day.
Darkness and light are but one.
You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works!
My very self you know.

My bones are not hidden from you,
When I was being made in secret,
fashioned in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw me unformed;
in your book all are written down;
my days were shaped, before one came to be.

How precious to me are your designs, O God;
how vast the sum of them!

Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the sands;---
when I complete them, still you are with me.

When you would destroy the wicked, O God,
the bloodthirsty depart from me!

Your foes who conspire a plot against you
are exalted in vain.

Do I not hate, LORD, those who hate you?
Those who rise against you, do I not loathe?

With fierce hatred I hate them,
enemies I count as my own.

Probe me, God, know my heart;
try me, know my thoughts.

See if there is a wicked path in me;
lead me along an ancient path.



Leader: For the times that we have failed to love, Lord, have mercy.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the times that we failed to be open to each other in community, Christ have mercy.
All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: For the times that we failed to live as a community together and by association, Lord, have mercy.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord, forgive all our failings. Make us worthy to serve Your people as ministers of your grace, ambassadors of your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus.
All: **Amen.**



Closing Prayer:

Leader:

Creator God, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, Jesus our teacher.

Alternate left & right:

May we be afire with new hope.

Help us be a guiding light to all.

Fill us with a passion for our ministry of bringing your good news
to all we come in contact with,

especially to those in our Lasallian family who need our attention.

Help us to recognize the needs of our time and to respond courageously.

Open our minds and hearts to do your will so that one day
we may come to the feast
of eternal light.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.