

In Thanksgiving for the Life of
Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO

March 7, 1923 – October 25, 2018



A Memorial Tribute
Contemplative Outreach Northwest
Saturday, January 5, 2019
Gathering 9:30am ~ Liturgy 10:00am

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 111 NE 80th Street, Seattle WA

Prelude

A Reading from *Open Mind, Open Heart* by Fr. Thomas Keating

“Contemplative Prayer is the world in which God can do anything. To move into that realm is the greatest adventure. It is to be open to the Infinite and hence to infinite possibilities. Our private, self-made worlds come to an end; a new world appears within and around us and the impossible becomes an everyday experience.”

Taizé Song – “In silence we wait, in darkness you come to us; bring us your light.”

A Reading for Centering Prayer

Matthew 6:6

Jesus said, “When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will cause your life to blossom.”

Centering Prayer – 20 minutes

Liturgy of Word and Song

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

After my waking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.

I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him

who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Collect

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Thomas. We thank you for giving him to us, his spiritual family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Poem from Bishop Brent, Dublin Cathedral

A ship sails

And I stand watching till she fades on the horizon

And someone at my side says, "she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight, that is all;

She is just as large as when I saw her last.

The diminished size,

And total loss of sight is in me,

Not in her.

And just at the moment when someone at my side says
"she is gone,"

There are others
Who are watching her coming,
And other voices take up a glad shout, “Here she comes!”
And that is dying.

A Reading from Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Taizé Song – “O you who are beyond all things”

Memorial Video ~ “A Life Surrendered to Love”

Sharing of Thomas Keating stories Paul Peterhans facilitating

Prayers

For our brother Thomas, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Thomas and dry the tears of those who weep.

Silence

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Silence

You raise the dead to life; give to our brother Thomas eternal life.

Silence

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother Thomas to the joys of heaven.

Silence

Our brother Thomas was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

Silence

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother Thomas; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence

Taizé Song – “Ubi Caritas”

Centering Prayer – 20 minutes

Closing Prayer

Father of all, we pray to you for Thomas, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Benediction

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.

Amen.



Ministers for Today's Tribute

Greeter – Michele Jankanish, CONW Coordinator & Contemplative Outreach Facilitator Formation and Enrichment Service Team

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Liturgist and Priest Presider – Steve Garratt, CONW Leadership Team & Contemplative Outreach Centering Prayer Introductory Program Service Team

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Music Leader – Robert Knickerbocker

Readers – Monica Wood, Gordon Coffey, Joan Henjum

Hospitality Team – Hope Regis and Mary Ettel and other volunteers



Gratitude to all who made this service possible and to all attending today to commemorate our beloved teacher, long-term Centering Prayer practitioners, CONW supporters, and newcomers. We hope that you will stay to share in a potluck lunch.

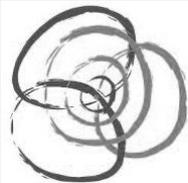


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