



Awakening to the Logos

September 14, 2025

*But the King of Righteousness shall bring forward wine instead of water,
and shall give your souls to drink, and shall cheer them with unmixed wine,
in order that they may be wholly occupied with a divine intoxication,
more sober than sobriety itself.*

*For the Logos is a priest, having, as Its inheritance the true God,
and entertaining lofty and sublime and magnificent ideas about him,
"for he is the priest of the Most High God."
Philo of Alexandria, 1st century*

Singing our Expectation

"Dwell"

*Dwell in the midst of us, come and dwell in this place.
Dwell in the midst of us, come and have your way.
Dwell in the midst of us, wipe all the tears from our faces.
Dwell in the midst of us, you can have your way.*

*Not our will but yours be done, come and change us.
Not our will but yours be done, come sustain us.
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Opening to the Logos

God's Perpetual Presence

"Love, Like a Waterfall"

*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.*

Journeying to Abundance

adapted from *Jeremiah 31: 12*, and *Psalms 36* by Malcolm Guite

*Come, children of God, ascend the holy hill.
Our voices rise like rivers, singing of your goodness.
You spread before us the harvest of the earth – grain for our hunger, wine for our joy, oil for our healing.
From your hand flows abundance; in your mercy we are fed.
Like lambs in green pastures, like gardens watered by living streams, you make us flourish.
Roots sink deep, branches stretch wide – your life grows within us.
You turn our mourning into music, our desolation into dancing.
In your presence, sorrow fades, and peace takes root forever.*

*As pilgrim souls on whom your light has shone
Let us leave judgment to your tender mercy
And turn instead to you, keep pressing on*

*Towards the steadfast heights, the mountain country
Of your holy presence. Let us drink
From your swift river, our true ecstasy.*

*Refresh us Christ, and bring us to the brink
Of that deep well where life itself is light,
And goodness, more than we can dream or think,*

*Flows from your plenteousness, from your delight
In all your works, and where your loving-kindness
Shines through our day and comforts us at night,*

*Like soft wings safely overarching us,
That we might put our utter trust in you
And fret no more for passing wickedness.*

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Contemplating Scripture

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the marriage. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

When the master of the feast tasted the water that was made wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the beginning of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Meditation

Song of Response

"I Awaken in Christ"

*I awaken in Christ, awaken as Christ awakens within me.
All of me becomes all of him, as Christ awakens so deep within.
See my feet and my hands, transfigured as Christ awakens my body.
All my brokenness changed, my brokenness now is beauty: transformed in him.*

*I awake in Christ.
I awake in Christ.*

Centering in God

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Abba, Spirit, Jesus, Beloved, Light, or Love.

Praying with St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Suscipe" (Receive)

*Suscipe, suscipe. Suscipe, suscipe.
All I am, all I have.
You've given all into my care:
Every single thought, every choice I make,
The freedoms I possess, come fill them all with love.
Please receive all I am,
As I receive all that You are.
I return to You all that I hold dear,
To use as You desire, for I believe in this:*

*Your grace, Your love, is all that I need.
Your love, Your grace, is enough for me.*

Receiving Holy Communion

Extending Love

"Ubi Caritas" (Where Charity and Love Are, God Is There)

*Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

Receiving a Good Word



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Today's Music

*'Dwell' – Casey Corum, 'Love Like a Waterfall' – Peter Johns, 'I Awaken in Christ' – Peter Johns,
'Suscipe' – Peter Johns, 'Ubi Caritas' – Frank Berthier*

For information about The Center for Christian Spirituality and upcoming events, visit:

www.TheCenterFCS.org.

Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

Community Gathering: Second Sunday Chicken

Today | The Chapelwood Gym | 11:30 a.m. | \$10

Following Worship Response, let's have lunch! It's a great way to get to know one another on a deeper level. Head over to the Chapelwood Gym for "Second Sunday Chicken." Check the website for menu and pricing. We hope to see you there.



Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

Monday, September 15 | The Anchor House | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



Autumn Equinox Experience

Monday, September 22 | The Labyrinth | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and anyone you might want to bring with you for this event to celebrate the autumn equinox. You have a lot of options for this experience. Participants are free to drop-in, come and go, spend the evening in prayer, in creativity or both. There will be time for walking the labyrinth as well as an opportunity for SoulCollage®. Come take a "pause" in your journey with us. There is no fee associated with this event, but registration is preferred so we can have enough supplies prepared.



Poetry Circle

Tuesday, September 23 | The Anchor House | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for the next meeting of the Poetry Circle with Mark Jodon. The Center's poetry circle will share and critique our poems, explore poetic forms and devices, try our hands at writing prompts, and grow together in fellowship and community. This circle is for anyone who loves poetry, no matter your writing experience level. For more information, contact Mark Jodon at MJodon@littler.com

Wisdom Way of Knowing with Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr.

Wednesdays, Beginning September 24 | The Anchor House | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*This course is an introduction to an ancient tradition that taught how to live wakefully and wisely in one's world. It is this type of knowing (with mind, heart, and body together) that is deeply needed today in order to navigate through these times in which we are living. In this course, we will go on a deep-dive into the teaching of Cynthia Bourgeault, one of Michael's teachers in Contemplative Wisdom and Practice. There is no cost associated with this course, but registration is required and participants will need to purchase a copy of *The Wisdom Way of Knowing* by Cynthis Bourgeault.*



Hope in Focus with Steve Pavey

October 3-5

Steve Pavey is a photographer, a contemplative, a storyteller, a cultural organizer – all of which come together in the vocation of cultivating a way to see, in order to bear witness to the world both as it is, and as it could be. Join us for a weekend to focus on hope – the hope we must live into of re-connection with ourselves, with each other, and the more-than-human world around us.



"You Are the Bridge: Uniting Heaven and Earth in Turbulent Times" with Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr.

October 10 – 12 | Praxis Retreat and Learning Center | Telephone, TX | \$175

*Who am I, really? Why am I really here? These are primordial wisdom questions that, if answered from the perspective of perennial wisdom, have dramatic effects on how we live our daily lives. Join the Oriental Orthodox Order in the West as Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti guides us through the dialogues from *Talking with Angels*, transcribed by Gitta Mallasz. This is an in-person only retreat which will be held at The Praxis Retreat and Learning Center in Telephone, TX. Space is limited and the registration deadline is October 3rd.*

