

Pentecost 2006

Living the Vision

Seekers Church

A Christian Community

In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour

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CIRCLE TIME

ENTRANCE

REFLECTION

The community of persons closest to us has the power to keep us in the tomb of fear or to call us into the daybreak of hope. Do those around us call us to huddle more closely together and bolt the doors of our upper room? Or do they help us throw the doors open because we have experienced together the freeing call to action which is the Spirit of Jesus in our midst?

Sr. Loretta Mather

From an address to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, 1981

SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Holy, holy, holy!

We claim God's Word as it is given to us:

Voice 1: Sacré, sacré, sacré!

We honor the prophetic voices Of those
beside us:

Voice 2: **Santos, santos, santos!**

We follow Christ together into the hungry,
hurting world.

**All: God's vision of peace with justice opens
before our eyes.**

Holy, holy, holy!

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: We live too much of each day

in the padlocked tomb of fear.

People: We have not called one another
into the daybreak of hope.

Leader: We have not opened the doors of our hearts.

People: We have not heard one another into action.

All: Forgive us, Holy One,
for loving our vision of community
more than the reality that you have given
us.

ASSURANCE

Leader: The Risen Christ is in our midst,
throwing open the bolted doors
to the daybreak of forgiving grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

JESUS PRAYER

HYMN

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THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

The first Sunday of each month we switch to a [Communion Liturgy](#) here.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: As we open the portals of this sanctuary
 to return to our roles in the world,
 may we likewise throw open
 the locked doors of our hearts.

 Go forth from this place
 empowered by the Holy Spirit
 to love and to serve a world
 hungry for that love and service.

People: Amen.