

Discussion Questions

Tell the story of a time you felt profoundly grateful to God.

Has there been a time you were glad - truly and deeply glad - to give of yourself for someone else?

What is your favorite way to praise God?

Series 4 Upcoming Dates

Monday April 22, 7pm, Brownstein Hall

Monday April 29, 7pm, Brownstein Hall

Monday May 6, 7pm, Brownstein Hall

Saturday retreat, May 11, 9am-3:30pm, Brownstein Hall

Monday May 20, 7pm, Brownstein Hall

For Further Reading

Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter *Desiderio desideravi* on the liturgical formation of the People of God

God Is Here Series 4, Part 1



Christ the Priest Invites Us to LOVE God in Him

The Word of God

Adam the Priest of Creation: Genesis 2:4-8, 15-24

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.... The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman
because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Series 4 Prayer

“O God, almighty Father, as you look upon your Christ, who is both Priest and Victim, grant that I, who share in his priesthood, may always offer myself as a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.”

Voices of the Church

“Man is created to praise ... God.”

(St. Ignatius of Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises*, First Principle and Foundation, 16th century)

““Christ the Lord, High Priest taken from among men, made the new people [of God] ‘a kingdom and priests to God the Father.’ The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, in order that through all those works which are those of the Christian they may offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the power of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

(Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* 10)