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FRANCIS NOW! Celebrating the Journey, Living the Dream

Date: July 29-31, 2016

Location: Bergamo Center

MORNING PRAYER – 9:00 AM Saturday, July 30, 2016

Theme: Praise

Leader: Mike Kremm

Location: Chapel

Needed materials: Several large candles, matches/lighter, chairs for each participant, song books, guitar/s. keyboard (?), music stand/s, music stand lights

Pre-work: Set up area, divide group into A and B

Opening Song: Sing A New Song # 558 – sing all verses

Opening Prayer - The Canticle of Brother Sun

Leader: Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor,
and all blessing.

To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Group A: Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Group B: Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon
and the stars, in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.

Group A: Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which
You give sustenance to Your creatures.

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Group B: Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Group A: Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Group B: Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Group A: Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Leader: Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Group B: Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.

Leader: Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will
find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

All: Praise and bless my Lord,
and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

AMEN

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Psalm 150

All: Sing Easter Alleluia (melody from Ye Sons and Daughters)

Leader: Praise God in his holy sanctuary; give praise in the mighty dome of heaven.

Group A: Give praise for his mighty deeds

Group B: Praise him for his great majesty.

Leader: Give praise with blasts upon the horn

Group A: Praise him with harp and lyre.

Group B: Give praise with tambourines and dance,

Leader: Praise him with strings and pipes

Group A: Give praise with crashing cymbals,

Group B: Praise him with sounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath give praise to the LORD!

All: Sing Easter Alleluia (melody from Ye Sons and Daughters)

Prayer:

Leader: Dear Lord Jesus, though my memory isn't what it used to be, I join King David today in giving you praise today for who you are, and all the good gifts you lavish on us. I praise you that irrespective of changes in my brain chemistry, you'll never forget me. This is my great hope and centering peace. But while they are fresh on my heart, here are a few things for which I am especially grateful as this day begins.

Group A: I praise you for forgiving all my sins—past, present, and future—sins of thought, word, and deed. How staggering a thought. I used to think you forgive only confessed sins, but now I realize I'm probably aware of only 4 percent of my sins. But your blood covers the other 96 percent as well. Praise the Lord, O my soul, for a perfect and complete forgiveness!

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Group B: I praise you for securing the healing all my diseases—diseases in my body, heart, and mind. Though I wish you would completely heal me before you return, nonetheless, I have this sure hope: The healing I'm already receiving in the gospel will be brought to completion. Praise the Lord, O my soul, for present, ongoing, and a secured complete healing!

Group A: I praise you for crowning me with your love and compassion. You've taken away all my guilt and you've borne all my shame. My conscience is no longer under the law and condemnation, but under grace and your rejoicing. Praise the Lord, O my soul, for a coronation of mercy and grace!

Group B: I praise you for satisfying my desires with good things. Lord, I praise you for the smile of my grandson, the kiss of my wife, the taste of dark chocolate, the rainbow you painted on the side of a trout, the recent encouragement from a friend, and the sounds of great music, to name a few. Praise the Lord, O my soul, for a God who takes my desires seriously and satisfies them in countless ways!

Leader: Lord Jesus, may the unsearchable, innumerable, and inexhaustible riches of the gospel renew me today with youth-like energy, that I may soar like an eagle and live to the praise of your glorious grace! So very Amen I pray, in your holy and loving name.

Spontaneous Prayers of Praise: Leader introduces a time of spontaneous prayers of praise and thanksgiving from the group. Invite them to participate, but no pressure to participate and offer silent prayer if the group prefers. Remind them to refrain from prayers of petition. Perhaps leader begins this time and models the prayer. Leader watches time, so that we have completed this prayer by 9:25 AM. When prayer time is finished Leader invites the group to sing our theme song.

Hymn: Christ in Me Arise # 513