

February 19, 2005 - Saturday  
Morning Prayer and Ritual

**BLOWING OF THE CONCH** – Marilyn Mihalic, OP

**ALL ENTER IN SILENCE**

**Welcome and Invitation to Prayer**

Prayer Leader: Corina Padilla, OP (Euch. Miss.)

**Opening Song: “Holy Sacred Spirit”** by Monica Brown (2 times)

Ho - ly Sa - cred Spi - rit, breathe Your breath on us. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ho - ly Sa - cred Spi - rit, breathe Your life in us. \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Leader: Let us pray.

God of our journey, this morning we gather in quiet silence in this sacred space. May the power of your Spirit help us to know the unity that is ours as one Dominican family. Trusting in you we ask that what we do here this morning unite us in our mission to witness to the Church and to our world the truth that it seeks.

All: Amen.

Refrain: *Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your breath on us.*

*Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your life in us. (2 times)*

Reader: Rose Bowen, OP (Saint Mary's) Isaiah 42:6; 43:2, 18-19

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

I, Yaweh, have called you.... I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as a covenant of the people and a light to the nations.... Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine... See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Pause for a brief Reflection)

Refrain: *Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your breath on us.*

*Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your life in us. (2 times)*

Prayer Leader: We have invited our ANCESTORS – Dominic and Catherine to join us this morning in prayer.

*Dominic – Cathy Arnold, OP (Columbus); Catherine – Elaine Derosier, OP (Kentucky)*

A warm welcome to you both.  
We ask you, Dominic and Catherine, to teach us through your words how to quiet our hearts and to be at peace.

Dominic: My dear Sisters, it is good to be with you.  
Catherine and I come here this morning to share with you our own words as well as words from the holy Scriptures.  
Doing this has helped us both when we have had to answer difficult questions and make important decisions. May what we say to you inspire you as you move forward in faith on your Dominican journey.

Catherine: Dominic, around these tables our Sisters have DREAMED -  
Looked at days and times ahead. (pause)

Dominic: My Sisters - from Scripture recall these words:  
“Fear not, for I am with you.”  
Those, who are led by the Spirit of God,  
are called the children of God”.

Silence...

Refrain: (2 times)

Ho - ly Sa - cred Spi - rit, breathe Your breath on us. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ho - ly Sa - cred Spi - rit. breathe Your life in us. \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine: Dominic, around these tables our Sisters have DREAMED –  
shared food, prayed, agreed and disagreed.

Dominic: Again, my Sisters, listen and hold these words in your hearts:  
“Be not afraid.....I go before you.....come follow Me.”  
You know all things work for good for those who love God  
and who are called according to God’s purpose.

Silence...

Refrain: (2 times)

Ho - ly Sa - cred Spi - rit, breathe Your breath on us.  
Ho - ly Sa - cred Spi - rit, breathe Your life in us.

Catherine: Dominic, around these tables our Sisters have DREAMED –  
Listened, remembered times past,  
talked of times present  
and now vision times future. (pause)

Dominic: We are encouraged to witness to our beliefs,  
my dear, Sisters - listen.....  
“Trust in Me – behold I will make all new things new.”  
The Spirit itself bears witness with your spirit  
that you are truly the children of God.”

Silence...

Refrain: ***Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your breath on us.***  
***Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your life in us. (2 times)***

Catherine: Dominic, around these tables our Sisters have DREAMED –  
Talked of faith, talked of home, experienced love. (pause)

Dominic: Again, my Sisters, listen and hold close this message of trust  
and hope:  
“Trust in Me – I have called each of you by name.”  
What, then, shall we say to this?  
If God is for us, who can be against us.

Silence...

Refrain: ***Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your breath on us.***  
***Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your life in us. (2 times)***

Catherine: Dominic, around these tables our Sisters have Dreamed –  
Shared visions, renewed their commitment to the journey

and embraced many new friends.

Dominic: Remember, my Sisters and my friends in Christ, these powerful words from our Scriptures:

“You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear but you received a spirit of adoption, through which you cry, “Abba”.

“BE at PEACE, my dear, Dominican Sisters.  
Catherine and I leave you now  
but will hold you in prayer and in our hearts.

Continue your journey trusting in faith that all things are possible. May our God be with each one of you.

Silence...

Refrain: *Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your breath on us.*  
*Holy Sacred Spirit breathe your life in us. (2 times)*

Prayer Leader: Let us join our voices as one as we now pray :

**Creator God,  
Gather the dreamers - wake the sleeping.  
Now is the time to give birth to the dream.**

**Gather the dreamers, the sure of heart and bring  
peace to the unsure.**

**Gather the dreamers - grasp the moment now.  
Be with us for it is the quest that belongs to all.**

**Gather the dreamers and travel with us as we  
continue our journey in trust, expectation and hope.  
Amen.**

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