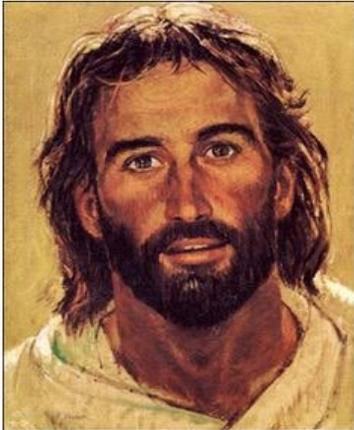


SSND Constitution, *You Are Sent*

Fundamentally in prayer we acknowledge, accept, and freely surrender to the reality of who God is and who we are, creatures unconditionally loved by our Creator. (#28).



Artist: Richard Hook

Who Do You Say that I Am?

In the gospel Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mt. 16:13-17; Mk 8: 27-29; Lk 9:18-21). He primes them by asking first who others say he is, but then requires of them their own answer. For each of us it is essential that we move from a place of faith based only on what others say, on what we have been taught by our parents, teachers, pastors, faith community, and friends, and claim our faith for our own.

Today Jesus asks us the same question: After having known me for so long,
“Who do YOU say that I am?”

- * *Who is Jesus for you?*
 - * *How have you known him in your life?*
 - * *How would you describe your relationship with him?*
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To engage in discernment and ask the question, “How/Where is God calling me?” you must first begin to explore and answer these questions in your heart and mind. It is only in reflecting on your relationship with Jesus, your intimate knowing of him, that you are able to recognize and listen to his voice, to discern what movements in your life are of Jesus’ leading and guidance and which are not.

Jesus said to Peter that it was not of his own accord that he was able to proclaim that Jesus was the Messiah, but only by God’s revelation to him. Nonetheless, he could not have received this revelation without attentiveness and an open heart. This is true for us as well. Jesus reveals himself to us through our life experiences and prayer as we grow in relationship with him. As you reflect on your experiences of Jesus, you may find that in addition to some of the traditional responses to who Jesus is, such as savior, friend, brother, teacher, our light and salvation, our beloved, that your experiences also lead you to more personal responses. Reflecting on a teenage life experience in which God responded to what now seems like a trivial need/desire, one sister shared how deeply touched she was in her remembering as she realized that in that moment she experienced Jesus as *the One who sees me*. To be seen and known is powerful.

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- *Reflect on your experiences of Jesus’ presence and action in your life. How have these experiences shaped and formed your understanding of who Jesus is?*
 - *What scripture passages/stories have a taken up a home in your heart and also name for you who Jesus is?*
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Ask God to allow memories to surface as you pray that help you name and deepen your understanding of who Jesus is in your life, who you are now, and who you are becoming in relationship to him.

Calling on Sophia

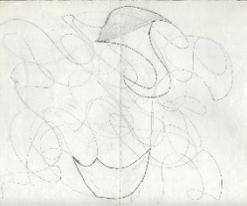
Radiant and Unfading Wisdom, your deep love calls to me. I seek you with all my heart. Hasten to make yourself known.

Sit at the gate of my heart. Teach me your ways. Meet me in my every thought. Attune my mind to your perceptions. Open all that is closed within me. I desire your instruction. I long to receive and to share your love.

Dance on the path of my lie. Free me from all that hinders. Deepen all that attracts me to you. As the mystery of my life unfolds through the quickly passing years, draw my love every nearer to you.

I promise to be awake and vigilant, attentive to your voice, receptive to your guidance. I will hide no secrets from you. Come, reveal yourself to me. (*Prayers to Sophia*. Joyce Rupp. Innisfree Press. Philadelphia, PA ©2000 p. 30)

Activity ~ A Dialogue with God



Take a piece of paper and make random scribbles all over it. As you look at the paper, identify within the scribbles the outline of two shapes and darken those lines. Identify one of these shapes as God and one as you. Write a conversation between God and you using the metaphors suggested by the images that have emerged.

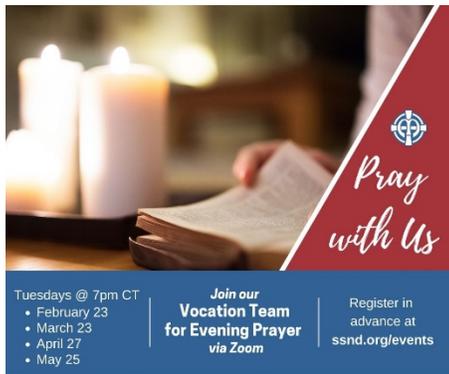
For example: A conversation between a Trumpet (God) and a soaring bird (the person).

Songs for Reflection:

I Am for You by Cooney, Daigle and Donohoo: [I Am for You - Bing video](#)

¿Quién Dices que Soy Yo? por Maite Losada: [QUIÉN DICES QUE SOY YO \(con letra\) MAITE LOSADA. - YouTube](#)

Looking Ahead:



Virtual Evening Prayer with the Vocation Team

March 23, 2021

April 27, 2021

7-8 p.m. Central

Register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/

Twin Cities Nuns & Nones, Virtual gathering

March 15, 2021, Lab: Craft and Chat

April 7, 2021, Ecology of Repair: Exploring rest, refreshment and repair through the lens of nature.

6:30 – 8 p.m. Central

<https://www.facebook.com/nunsandnonestwincities/>



Living Our Call as SSND: Responding to Internationality and Interculturality

April 6, 2021

7-8 p.m. Central

Learn more and register at <https://ssnd.org/events/4-6-21/>

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