



*do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God* Micah 6:8

**April 16, 2025**

We begin all of our prayer in the presence of our loving Creator; because we are all created  
in the very image and likeness of God!

**As a Christian community, we know this:**

**Jesus said: “This is my body which will be given for you.”**

**Daily reflection:**

*(Dorothy Day: The Long Loneliness)*

As a young woman, Dorothy Day was a suffragette, a journalist, and an anarchist. After becoming Catholic, she continued to cultivate her activist spirit. She and Peter Maurin founded The Catholic Worker Movement, believing that direct aid to people in need must be combined with nonviolent direct action to change unjust systems. She took great encouragement and strength from the Eucharist and the call to community that it demands. She wrote in her autobiography,

*“We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.”*

**Daily call to action:**

We continue our way through Holy Week. Today we look to the life of Dorothy Day as a way to understand Jesus’ gift to us in the Eucharist and in his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. We see that as Christians we are called to community. We are called to seek the common good.

Let us pray today for the courage and the strength that we see in the example of Dorothy Day.

**Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:**

That the Church will promote fair distribution of food resources between countries. For countries facing famine, disease, hunger, or any other disaster; that the people of the world will work together to bring relief.

For people in our own city who experience food insecurity; that God’s love will inspire us to help them.

For all of us, that we will advocate for policies that ensure that no one goes hungry.

**Blessing:** *(the prayer of Aaron over the people of God: Num. 6:23b–26)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

*And we say together with all of the people of God:*

**Amen.**