

An Invitation

We are a monastic Community whose members respond to the Gospel message of love by living a vowed monastic life of Daily Prayer, Reflective Study and Personal Service in the secular world.

Gospel-centered - the core of our being comes from the teaching and grace of the living Word. We hope to be living examples of the Gospel message.

Faith-based - we know that we are saved through faith, but we demonstrate our faith through actively practicing the monastic life.

Ecumenical – although based in the Episcopal Church, we welcome any Christian seekers who share our values and desire to fully know, love, and serve the Lord.

Inclusive - acceptance into the Community is based on one's honest desire to share in the treasures of love and compassion of Our Lord.

Non-residential - there is no requirement to live in a certain place. Our members live in various places across the country. We are a community without walls, but with a common spiritual home based in the heart of Christ.

Mission-oriented - we seek to use the gifts that God gave us in unique and special ways, in a spirit of collaboration, wherever we happen to be.

If you seek a place to know, love and serve the Lord in your own unique way, in the way that God made you, with the support of like-minded people, then you may have found a spiritual home.

If you are a Christian man or woman, single or partnered, seeking to...

- nurture your soul,
- know the love of God,
- understand your purpose in life,
- grow in your life as a Christian,
- know, love and serve God in your own unique way,
- have a community to support your spiritual journey,
- enhance your local parish/church life,
- have a deeper contemplative spiritual life,
- make more people connections,
- live in the world, but not of the world,
- be part of a community of diverse members seeking unity of heart and mind through Christ...

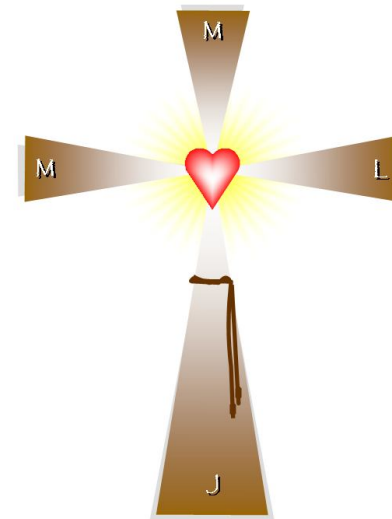
...then we invite you to explore this Community!

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An invitation from the Community of the Gospel



This is a non-residential Christian Community recognized by The Episcopal Church



The Community of the Gospel is a Christian Community where we help each other discover Christ in our lives. Although we live and work in different places, we are united by God's love, and build a common monastic practice based on Daily Prayer, Reflective Study and Personal Service: common roots that lead to unique responses to God's love in our lives.

GROUNDING

• DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, Community Prayer Book, Rosary, Meditation, Contemplation, or Nature Walks. This feeds our Study and Service.

• REFLECTIVE STUDY

We learn about God, others, ourselves, and the world. This feeds our Daily Prayer and Service.

• PERSONAL SERVICE

Each person has been given a unique set of skills, interests, and talents. We discover and develop these, and use them for God's glory. This feeds our Prayer and Study.

GROWING (Our Inner Purpose)

Growing by Personal Transformation at the hands of Christ:

- We begin to discover our true self identity.
- We realize that growing in God's love is a team effort.
- We learn that God loves us no matter what happens.
- We recognize that we are all members of God's family; all connected in some way.
- We find that things preventing us from seeing life clearly gradually dissolve (things like prejudice, shame, fear, worry, anxiety, arrogance or greed).



GOING (Our Outer Purpose)

To know, love, and serve the Lord in our own unique way, as God made us...

...to use our unique gifts, talents, interests, and gifts (whatever they may be) to spread the love of God.

...to experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit: love, kindness, joy, generosity, peace, patience, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22)

...to begin to see –
- *people* as temples of God.
- *things* as gifts from God
- *nature* as being sacred.
- *actions* as sacraments of His love.

