

# The Feast of Saint Phoebe

Virtual Prayer Service | September 3, 2021



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DEACONS



I commend to you Phoebe  
our sister, who is a minister  
(diakonos) of the church  
at Cenchreae, that you may  
receive her in the Lord in a  
manner worthy of the  
holy ones.

**ST. PAUL**  
Romans 16:1-2A

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According to the Roman Martyrology and Orthodox liturgical calendars, the Feast of St. Phoebe is celebrated on September 3rd. This feast is not yet included in the universal calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, which informs which feast days are celebrated at Mass on that day. We pray for this inclusion, so that Catholics everywhere can learn about and celebrate St. Phoebe, the deacon (diakonos) that St. Paul commends in the Letter to the Romans (16:1-2).

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

Christine Johnson

Graduate Intern for Student Life and Ministry  
Resident Minister, Buddig Hall  
Loyola University New Orleans

### Veni Sancte Spiritus

J. Berthier

Musical score for 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. \_\_\_\_  
Xin Ngôi Ba ban muôn ơn thiêng. \_\_\_\_

(Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.)

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## Sign of the Cross, Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Lori Stanley

Executive Director  
Loyola Institute for Spirituality

## Gathering Hymn

### Christ as Her Vision

Bernadette Farrell

Musical score for 'Christ as Her Vision' in 3/4 time. The score consists of four systems of a treble clef staff with lyrics below. The melody is simple and hymn-like.

1..Christ as her vi - sion, Phoe - be the pa - tron.  
2..Christ in her meet - ing, Phoe - be the en - voy.  
3..Christ as her Sa - viour, Phoe - be the dea - con,

1..Her rad - iant mis - sion wit - nessed by Paul.  
2..Bear - ing Paul's greet - ing, thru' all con - straints.  
3..Blessed by God's fa - vour, Called and or - dained.

1..Shel - ter - ing oth - ers in her own house - hold.  
2..Trust - ed, ac - cept - ed, Faith ev - er test - ed.  
3..Sent and com - mend - ed to all the church - es,

1..Wel - com - ing stran - gers, Sis - ter to all.  
2..Cho - sen, re - spect - ed, One of the saints.  
3..Her faith ex - tend - ed, Gos - pel pro - claimed.

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## Reflections on St. Phoebe & Invocation

### Mariángel Marco Teja

Ursuline of Jesus sister,  
currently serving as Program Coordinator  
at Star of the North Retreat House  
in Edmonton, Canada.

## Proclamation of the Word

### *Romans 16: 1-7, 15-16*

### Pilar Simon

Clinical Social Worker,  
Pursuing Certificate in Spiritual Companionship  
at St. Thomas University, Miami, FL

## Introduction of the Witnesses

### Julie Dowd

Director of Mission Integration,  
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

## Witnesses

### Noelani Sheckler-Smith, BCC

Catholic Chaplain  
California Veteran's Home, Yountville

### Catalina Morales Bahena

LA RED Formation and Coaching Manager,  
Pursuing studies in Theology and English  
at the University of St. Thomas, Minnesota

### Sr. Círia Mees

Sister of Divine Providence,  
born in Santa Catarina in southern Brazil,  
and currently serves as the director of the  
Rural Pastoral Institute in the Apostolic Vicariate  
of Pando, Bolivia, in the Amazonian territory

### Jessica Morel

Military & Veteran Advocate  
Chaplain Candidate – U.S. Army



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

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## Deacons in Solidarity

## Deacon Manuel Valencia

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

## Litany of Deacons

*The names for this litany are drawn from among the female deacon saints in the Orthodox liturgical calendar, male deacon saints in the tradition, and the lists of female deacons compiled by FutureChurch and the Wijngaards Institute for Catholic Research.*

## Prayers of the Faithful

## Dr. Marie Philoméne Péan, D.Min

Chaplain

## Kelly Meraw

Director of Collaborative Pastoral Care  
Director of St. John Music and Liturgy  
St. John-St. Paul Collaborative

## Praying with our Feet

## Bridget Deegan-Krause, M.Div.

Board certified chaplain,  
mission and formation consultant,  
Catholic Health Care, Ferndale, Michigan

## Announcements

## Casey Stanton & Ellie Hidalgo

Co-Directors, discerning deacons

## Closing Remarks & Benediction

## Sr. Donna Ciangio, OP

Chancellor, Archdiocese of Newark, NJ

## Optional Fellowship in Small Groups after the Closing Song

What moved you in this liturgy? Is there anything you learned, or that surprised you? What's your sense for how you want to respond to the Spirit's movement?

## Closing Song

## The Summons

John L. Bell



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but  
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but



call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners free and  
call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you  
should your life at - tract or scare? Will you  
and do such as this un - seen, and ad -  
to re - shape the world a - round, through my  
where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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