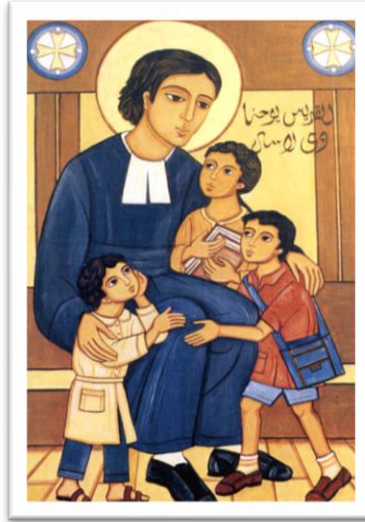


# CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG US

***Behold I am with you until the end of time.***

Matthew 28: 20

An important Lasallian characteristic is the **PRESENCE OF GOD**.  
In the Lasallian Family, all prayers and activities begin with this reminder.  
In past times and in some places still now, a bell was rung  
in class and all were reminded of being in the presence of God.



## Leader:

Let us pause and remember that the God  
Who created us,  
Who redeemed us, and Who calls us to  
holiness and wholeness, is forever with us.  
We are God's people and we continually live  
in His presence.  
Glory to You, Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.  
As it was, is now, and forever shall be.  
It is You Who nourishes us through Word and Sacrament.  
All glory and praise to You.

## Psalm 139

- ❖ You, O Lord, know when I sit and stand;  
You understand my thoughts from afar.  
My travels and my rest You notice; with all my ways You are familiar.
- ❖ Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, You know it all.  
Behind and before You encircle me and rest Your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is beyond me, far too lofty for me to reach.  
Where can I hide from your spirit?
- ❖ From your presence, where can I flee?  
If I ascend to the heavens, You are there;  
if I lie down in the abode of the dead, You are there too.

- ❖ If I fly with the wings of dawn and alight beyond the sea,  
Even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light"  
Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.
- ❖ Darkness and light are but one.  
You formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise You, so wonderfully You made me; wonderful are Your works!
- ❖ My very self You knew;  
my bones were not hidden from You,  
When I was being made in secret, fashioned as in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes foresaw my actions; in Your book all are written down;  
my days were shaped, before one came to be

**Reading:** From the Writings of De La Salle

Pay as much attention as you can to the holy presence of God and take care to renew it from time to time. Think often of God. Remain in union with God by frequently remembering His presence.

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At each hour of the day, some short prayer should be said. This will help the students and teachers to remind themselves of the presence of God. This will cause them to think of God from time to time and to offer all their actions to God.

Conduct of Schools

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever! is a reminder of the presence of the Lord Who lives in our midst.

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## Intercessions



### Closing Prayer:

Leader: How happy I am, O my God,  
to find You always present  
wherever I may go or wherever I may be.

All: Awaken me to Your presence;  
waken me to Your indwelling;  
waken me to inward sight of You,  
and speech with You,  
and strength from You.

Leader: May my spirit leap up to You  
all day and in all ways.