Opening Prayer

(Ministry of the Arts)

Behold the Divine Light within
a place of giving,
a place of gratitude,
a place of Love.

May Divine Light fill our
hearts with Love
to be poured out
into the world.

Reader

In our Presentation tradition, the light of the lantern has become a sacred symbol of going out to meet the needs of the world with presence and action. In Nano’s time, the lantern became a sign of hope for those who saw it coming down the narrow, winding lane toward their home. Today, we continue to be inspired and challenged by the model of Nano Nagle who gave all that she had to respond with compassionate action to the people she saw suffering around her.

Reflection

After her death, Francis Moylan, Bishop of Cork wrote of the small community who had been inspired by Nano Nagle:

*Her spirit animates the Sisters that compose it.*

How does Nano’s spirit animate you? How are you being called to bring the light of Christ into the world today? Where in your life do you need light?

Songs Options:

“Lean in Toward the Light” (Carrie Newcomer) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxAUmNjWals
“Lead, Kindly Light” (Audrey Assad) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piUDbCtgymw

Psalm of Remembering Nano Nagle

Left:  For your openness to God’s spirit at work in your life
All:   We remember you and give you thanks.

Right: For opening your heart to the cry of those made poor by unjust systems
All:   We remember you and give you thanks.
Left: For your courage in responding to the needs of your time at great personal cost
All: We remember you and give you thanks.

Right: For bringing the light of hope to the dark places of ignorance and despair in the face of criticism and many setbacks and obstacles
All: We remember you and give you thanks.

Left: For bringing the light of compassion to the dark places of poverty, sickness and suffering
All: We remember you and give you thanks.

Right: For bringing the light of justice to the dark places of injustice and oppression
All: We remember you and give you thanks.

Reader: A Reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians (2Cor 9:6-8)

...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as she has decided in her heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Word of God, word of Life

All: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Closing Prayer

God of All, we give thanks and praise for your daughter, Nano Nagle, who fulfilled her commission to proclaim Your Word and declared her willingness to gladly serve anywhere in the world. Give us, her daughters and sons, the strength and perseverance to continue her work of love. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen. Amen.

Closing Song: Nano’s Song by Chris Skinner