

Midday Prayer from – A Disciple’s Prayer Book

(Adapted)

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CHRIST HAS DIED

At Noon

THE GATHERING

**Creator, we give you thanks for all you are
and all you bring to us for our visit
within your creation.**

**In Jesus, you place the Gospel
in the centre of this sacred circle
through which all creation is related.**

**You show us the way to live
a generous and compassionate life.**

**Give us your strength
to live together with respect and commitment
as we grow in your spirit,
for you are God, now and forever.**

Amen.

A Gathering Psalm

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron’s beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there God has promised blessing:
even life for evermore.

GOSPEL of the DAY

Matthew 11:20-24

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.'

RESPONSE

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel of the Day:

- 1. What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day?*
- 2. What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?*
- 3. What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?*

PRAYER

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)

COLLECT

God of the prophets,
whose word cuts through the webs of power
and holds the tyrant to account:
be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule,
who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake;
help us to stand and speak with them
and witness to your kingdom now;
through Jesus Christ, the name above all others. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

God is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us bless our loving God, Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit
Thanks be to God