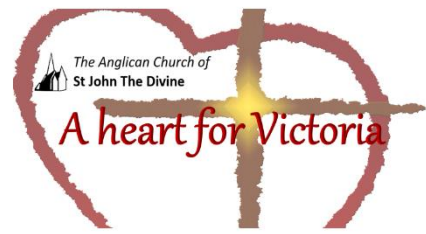


Midday Prayers

In the style of the Iona Community



Opening responses

The world belongs to God,
All **The earth and all its people**

How good it is, how wonderful,
All **To live together in unity**

Love and faith come together,
All **Justice and peace join hands**

If Christ's disciples keep silent
All **These stones would shout aloud**

Open our lips, O God,
All **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

Praise

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have brought us into the kingdom of your risen Word.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Creator, Word and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Confession

Holy God, Maker of all
All **Have mercy on us**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
All **Have mercy on us**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
All **Have mercy on us**

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Silence

All **Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:**

to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. Amen.

May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

All **Amen.**

Prayer for God's help

Move among us, O God; give us life

All **Let your people rejoice in you**

Make our hearts clean within us

All **Renew us in mind and Spirit**

Give us again the joy of your help

All **With your spirit of freedom sustain us**

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour,
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your Holy Name, and finally by your mercy
obtain everlasting Life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

And now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

All **Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the Glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen**

Affirmation

With the whole church

All **We affirm that we are made in God's image,
Befriended by Christ,
Empowered by the Spirit**

With people everywhere

All **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong**

With all creation

All **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
The unfolding purposes of God, forever at work
In ourselves and the world**

Psalm 66

- 1 Be joyful in God, all the earth; *
sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! *
Because of your great strength
your enemies shall bow before you.
- 3 'All the earth shall worship you, *
sing to you, sing praise to your name.'
- 4 Come now and behold the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land;
the river they passed through on foot; *
there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, O you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- 8 Who holds our souls in life *
and suffers not our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

The reading for the day

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and, as is the man of heaven, so are

those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15.42-44a,47-49

Silence for reflection

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us

All **Thanks be to God**

Prayers of gratitude and concern

the response is

God, in your love

All **Hear our prayer**

O Christ, the Master Carpenter,
who at the last, through wood and nails, purchased our whole salvation,
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask it for your own name's sake.

All **Amen**

Silence

Closing responses

This is the day that God has made;

All **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

We will not offer to God

All **Offerings that cost us nothing**

Go in peace to love and to serve

All **We will seek peace and pursue it**

In the name of the Trinity of Love,

All **God in community, Holy and one.**