

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 118.14-24

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation *
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 ‘The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up; *
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.’

17 I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *

but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, *
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; *
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL of the DAY

Mark 16:15-20

¹⁵And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

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

Almighty God,
who enlightened your holy Church
through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly grounded
in the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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