# 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 119**

- 97 Lord, how I love your law!
  All the day long it is my study.
- 98 Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I am wiser than the aged,



- because I keep your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.
- 102 I have not turned aside from your judgements, for you have been my teacher.
- 103 How sweet are your words on my tongue! They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I get understanding; therefore I hate all lying ways.
- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and will fulfil it, to keep your righteous judgements.
- 107 I am troubled above measure; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me your judgements.
- 109 My soul is ever in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever; for they are the very joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes: always, even to the end.
- 113 I hate those who are double-minded, but your law do I love.
- 114 You are my hiding place and my shield and my hope is in your word.
- 115 Away from me, you wicked!
  I will keep the commandments of my God.
- 116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be disappointed in my hope.
- 117 Hold me up and I shall be saved, and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.
- 118 You set at nought those who depart from your statutes, for their deceiving is in vain.
- 119 You consider all the wicked as dross; therefore I love your testimonies.

120 My flesh trembles for fear of you and I am afraid of your judgements.

#### GOSPEL of the DAY

#### Luke 12:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

#### **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**

Three-fold God of love, you invite us to abide in you. May we follow the Spirit of truth, so that through us your commanding love may speak to the heart of the world; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**