

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

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

¹⁷ When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ He said to them, "So, are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹ since it enters not the heart but the stomach and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 Israel, giver of love's law:
Liberate us from all that numbs compassion,
so that we may find in your commands
light undimmed and favour undiminished;
through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. **Amen.**

THE DISCIPLES' 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