

# 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

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

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