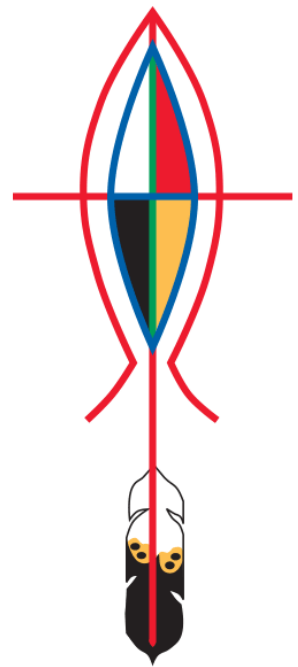


Midday Prayer from – A Disciple’s Prayer Book (Adapted)

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*Disciple’s Prayer book for the Anglican Council for Indigenous Peoples.
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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 of Praise

Psalm 24.1-6

- 1 The earth is the Lord’s and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 ‘Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?’
- 4 ‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
**who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;**
- 5 ‘They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.’

6 Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

GOSPEL of the DAY

Luke 19:1-10

19 ¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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?*

A POEM

In a Country Church

To one kneeling down no word came,
Only the wind's song, saddening the lips
Of the grave saints, rigid in glass;
Or the dry whisper of unseen wings,
Bats not angels, in the high roof.

Was he balked by silence? He kneeled long
And saw love in a dark crown
Of thorns blazing, and a winter tree
Golden with fruit of a man's body.

R. S. Thomas (1955)

PRAYER

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS)

COLLECT

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter that gate and dwell in that house,

where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of your glory and dominion,
world without end.

Amen.

*Eric Milner-White (1963)
after John Donne (1631)*

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