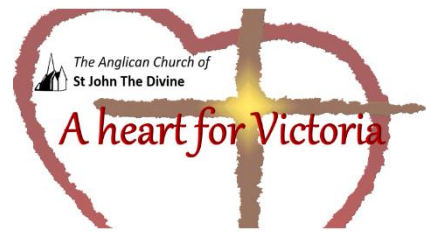


## Midday Prayers

*In the style of the Iona Community*



### Opening responses

The world belongs to God,

*All*    **The earth and all its people**

How good it is, how wonderful,

*All*    **To live together in unity**

Love and faith come together,

*All*    **Justice and peace join hands**

If Christ's disciples keep silent

*All*    **These stones would shout aloud**

Open our lips, O God,

*All*    **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

### Praise

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh  
and vindicated in the spirit.

He was seen by angels  
and proclaimed among the nations.

Believed in throughout the world,  
he was taken up in glory.

This will be made manifest at the proper time  
by the blessed and only Sovereign,

Who alone has immortality,  
and dwells in unapproachable light.

To the King of kings and Lord of lords  
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

I Timothy 3.16; 6.15,16

## Prayer for God's help

Move among us, O God; give us life

*All* **Let your people rejoice in you**

Make our hearts clean within us

*All* **Renew us in mind and Spirit**

Give us again the joy of your help

*All* **With your spirit of freedom sustain us**

## Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Almighty and everliving God,  
you revealed the incarnation of your Son  
by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice  
in our hearts and over all lands,  
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer  
in your praise and for your service,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**  
alt.

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And now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power and the Glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen**

## Affirmation

With the whole church

*All* **We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
Befriended by Christ,  
Empowered by the Spirit**

With people everywhere

*All* **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity  
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong**

With all creation

*All* **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
The unfolding purposes of God, forever at work  
In ourselves and the world**

## Psalm 72.10-15

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; \*  
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; \*  
all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, \*  
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live;  
unto him may be given gold from Sheba; \*  
may prayer be made for him continually  
and may they bless him all the day long.

## Short reading for the day

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 4.5,6*

*The reading may be read twice*

*Silence for reflection*

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us

*All*    **Thanks be to God**

## Prayers of gratitude and concern

*The minister prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions and may use the response*

God, in your love

*All*    **Hear our prayer**

*At the end*

O Christ, the Master Carpenter,  
who at the last, through wood and nails, purchased our whole salvation,  
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,  
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench  
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.  
We ask it for your own name's sake.

*All*    **Amen**

*Silence*

## Closing responses

This is the day that God has made;

*All*    **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

We will not offer to God

*All* **Offerings that cost us nothing**

Go in peace to love and to serve

*All* **We will seek peace and pursue it**

In the name of the Trinity of Love,

*All* **God in community, Holy and one.**