

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 97

- 1 The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings lit up the world;
the earth saw it and trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declared his righteousness,
and all the peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in mere idols.
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced,
because of your judgements, O Lord.
9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he preserves the lives of his faithful
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
11 Light has sprung up for the righteous
and joy for the true of heart.
12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name.

GOSPEL of the DAY

Matthew 1.20b-23

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

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

Gracious God,
you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ,
the first-born of all creation,
whose birth we celebrate in the child of Bethlehem.
Grant us every spiritual blessing,
so that we may live as your adopted children
and witness to your glory with praise and thanksgiving,
now and for ever. **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