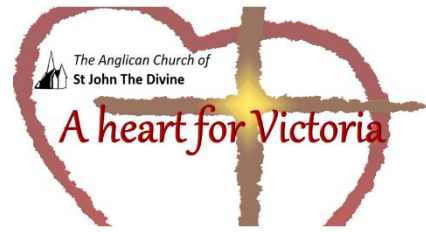


## Midday Prayers

*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**

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us

*Anselm (1109)*

### 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 for the Day**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

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**

### **Psalm 51.1-10**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence  
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me  
and shall make me understand wisdom  
in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

10 Turn your face from my sins  
and blot out all my misdeeds.

## The reading for the day

Our reading comes from the Book of Isaiah. Listen now for the Word of God.

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*Isaiah 58.6-9a*

### *Silence*

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 leads a time of intercession, usually*

*Thanksgiving for God's goodness*

*Prayers for The world in pandemic*

*Prayers for God's Church*

*Prayers for those in need, especially the sick in body, mind, or spirit.*

*Prayers for ourselves*

*the response to each prayer is*

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.**