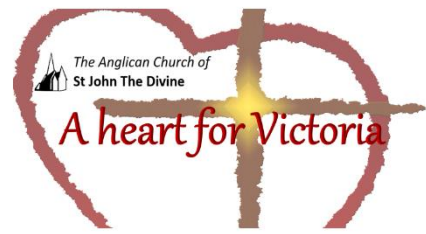


Midday Prayers

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 praised**

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**

Risen, ascended Christ, fill your church on earth with compassion, so that all may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father..
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

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 122

Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; ♦
O sing to God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ♦
God is the great ruler all the earth.
- 3 Subduing the peoples under us ♦
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 God has chosen our heritage for us, ♦
the pride of Jacob, much beloved.

- 5 God has gone up with a merry noise, ♦
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; ♦
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the ruler of all the earth; ♦
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; ♦
God has taken their seat upon their holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together ♦
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the powers of the earth belong to God ♦
and God is very highly exalted.

The reading for the day

Our reading comes from Gospel of Luke. Listen now for the Word of God.

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' *Luke 11.9-13*

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 response is

God, in your love
All **Hear our prayer**

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.**