

Midday Prayer – Thursdays



Preparation

And also with you

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .

Alleluia!

A HYMN or CANTICLE *may be said or sung, the following or some other.*

O God, creation's secret force,
Yourself unmoved, all motion's source,
Who from the morn till evening's ray
Through all its changes guide the day.

Grant us, when this short life is past
The glorious evening that shall last,
That, by a holy death attained,
Eternal glory may be gained.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son,
Who, with the Spirit, reigns above,
Three Persons in one God of love. Amen.

Listening for The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is *
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, *
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, *
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there our God has promised blessing: *
even life for evermore.

Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .

Short Reading

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17.18-23

Responsory

Let us keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,

**For there is one body and one Spirit,
one hope of our calling.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Parent of us all.

Grace was given to each of us
According to the measure of the gift of Christ.

He gave some to be apostles, some prophets,
evangelists, pastors and teachers,
For building up the body of Christ.

Until we all attain to the unity of the faith,
To the knowledge of the Son of God.

No longer shall we be children, but fully mature,
Measured by the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Prayers

THE KYRIES may be used as responses to intercession.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER may be said.

[Let us pray for the unity of all peoples on earth,
in the words our Saviour has taught us:]

**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**

Blessing

May Christ our redeemer give us healing and wholeness. **Amen.**

Let us bless our Loving God.
Thanks be to God.