

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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NEW ZEALAND MIDDAY PRAYER
OCTOBER /NOVEMBER 2020
11:30 AM



Rev. Fanny Sohet Belanger, Priest-in-Charge

We welcome you to our outdoor service this morning.

We will be using the Midday Prayer Liturgy from

A New Zealand Prayer Book.

Please keep at least a 6 feet distance from one another. Keep your masks on, covering nose and mouth, at all times.

Midday Prayer

The Church lives in time and with time, and this truth is borne out by the observance of prayer even in the midst of a busy day.

Prayer at midday provides a way to consecrate the day at its center and to realize the presence of God in the heart of life.

The admonition of Jesus that we pray and not be weary is fulfilled in this way, and we identify with him on the cross, the center of his work.

Midday Prayer is one among many opportunities for God's people, laity, religious orders, or clergy to extend the range of daily prayer.

INVOCATION

Read responsively at the bolded text.

My brothers and sisters,
our help is in the name of the eternal God,
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Eternal Spirit,
flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Silence

Let us worship the God of love.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PSALM

The officiant and people say in unison

Walking in God's Path

**Blessèd are those who treasure God's wisdom,
who seek God with all their heart.**

**Those who do no evil deeds
are those who tread the way of justice.**

**Dear God, you have given command
that we diligently hold to your word.**

**May my ways be kept steadfast
on the narrow road of your love.**

**So shall I not be confounded
while I respect the whole of your counsel.**

**I shall thank you with unfeigned heart
as I learn to be guided by your Spirit.**

**I shall hold fast to your truths:
do not utterly abandon me. Psalm 119: 1 – 7**

Readings begin on the next page.

READINGS

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Joy in the Lord: Isaiah 12/John 16:16-24

20th Sunday after Pentecost – Prayer in the Lord: 1 Kings 18:30-39/
Luke 11:1-13

21st Sunday after Pentecost – Our lives: Job 29:7-17/Mark 10:35-45

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Our homes: Genesis 45:1-15/Mark 10:1-16

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Our neighbors: Leviticus 19:9-18/
Luke 10: 25-37

CANTICLE

One of the following or some other hymn or canticle may be said.

1 A Hymn for Midday

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

Come, Holy Ghost, with God the Son,
and God the Father ever one;
Shed forth thy grace within our breast,
And dwell with us a ready guest.

By every power, by heart and tongue,
By act and deed thy praise be sung;
Inflame with perfect love each sense
That others' souls may kindle thence.

Hymns and Canticles continue on next page.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ thine only Son.
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

3 A Hymn for Sunday

To God our Father, thanks and praise
For this, the first and dawn of days:
The day when thou, creation's spring,
Didst light and life from chaos bring.

The day on which thy well-loved Son
O'er death and hell the triumph won;
The day on which the Spirit came,
Thy gift to us in wind and flame.

All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the holy Paraclete. Amen.

4 "The Lake of Beauty" [EDWARD CARPENTER]

Let your mind be quiet, realising the beauty of the world,
and the immense, the boundless treasures that it holds in store.
All that you have within you, all that your heart desires,
all that your Nature so specially fits you for - that or the
counterpart of it waits embedded in the great Whole, for you.
It will surely come to you.

Hymns and canticles continue on the next page.

Yet equally surely not one moment before its appointed time
will it come. All your crying and fever and reaching out of hands
will make no difference.

Therefore do not begin that game at all.

Do not recklessly spill the waters of your mind
in this direction and in that,
lest you become like a spring lost and
dissipated in the desert.

But draw them together into a little compass,
and hold them still, so still;
And let them become clear, so clear - so limpid, so mirror-like;
at last the mountains and the sky shall glass themselves in
peaceful beauty,
and the antelope shall descend to drink and to gaze at her
reflected image, and the lion to quench his thirst,
and Love himself shall come and bend over and catch his
own likeness in you.

5 “A Song to the Holy Spirit” [JAMES K. BAXTER]

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the sun who shines on the little plant,
You warm him gently, you give him life,
You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are as the mother eagle with her young,
Holding them in peace under your feathers.
On the highest mountain you have built your nest,
Above the valley, above the storms of the world,
Where no hunter ever comes.

Hymn continues on the next page.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the bright cloud in whom we hide,
In whom we know already that the battle has been won.
You bring us to our Brother Jesus
To rest our heads upon his shoulder.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,
Consuming us with flames of love and peace,
Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
In the love of friends you are building a new house,
Heaven is with us when you are with us.
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.
Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father.

7 “Song to the Lord God” [JAMES K. BAXTER]

Lord God, you are above and beyond all things,
Your nature is to love,
You put us in the furnace of the world
To learn to love you and love one another.

Father, we sing to you in the furnace
Like the three Jewish children.
The hope and the doom of the love of friends
Is eating up the marrow of our bones.

Lord Christ, you are the house in whom we live,
The house in which we share the cup of peace,
The house of your body that was broken on the cross,
The house you have built for us beyond the stars.

Hymn continues on the next page.

Lord, Holy Spirit, beyond, within, above,
Beneath all things, you give us life.
Blaze in our hearts, you who are Love himself,
Till we shine like the noonday sun.

Lord God, we are the little children,
The feeble ones of the world.
Carry us for ever in your breast, Lord God,
Give us the power by love to be your holy ones.

Prayers

Officiant: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

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One of the following three sections is said:

1

O God of many names, lover of all peoples;
we pray for peace in our hearts and homes,
in our nations and our world;
the peace of your will, the peace of our need.

Dear Christ, our friend and our guide,
pioneer through the shadow of death,
passing through darkness to make it light,
be our companion that we may fear no evil,
and bring us to life and to glory.

Prayer continues on the next page.

O God of peace and justice,
of holiness and love;
knit us together in mind and flesh,
in feeling and in spirit,
and make us one,
ready for that great day;
the fulfilment of all our hopes,
and the glory of Jesus Christ.

Keep us in the spirit of joy and simplicity and mercy.
Bless us and those you have entrusted to us,
in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

2 *Read responsively at the bold text*

For the hungry and the overfed
May we have enough.

For the mourners and the mockers
May we laugh together.

For the victims and the oppressors
May we share power wisely.

For the peacemakers and the warmongers
May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony.

For the silenced and the propagandists
May we speak our own words in truth.

For the unemployed and the overworked
May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.

Prayers continue on the next page.

For the troubled and the sleek
May we live together as wounded healers.

For the homeless and the cosseted
May our homes be simple, warm and welcoming.

For the vibrant and the dying
May we all die to live.

3

Let us be at peace within ourselves.

Silence

Let us accept that we are profoundly loved
and need never be afraid.

Silence

Let us be aware of the source of being
that is common to us all
and to all living creatures.

Silence

Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion
towards ourselves and towards all living beings.

Silence

Realising that we are all nourished
from the same source of life,
may we so live that others be not deprived
of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.

Silence

Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be
a cause of suffering to one another.

Silence

Prayer continues on next page.

With humility let us pray for the establishment
of peace in our hearts and on earth.

Silence

May God kindle in us
the fire of love
to bring us alive
and give warmth to the world.

Lead me from death to life,
from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope,
from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart,
our world, our universe.

COLLECT FOR MIDDAY

Blessed Saviour, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your
loving arms; grant that all the peoples of the earth may be drawn to your
uplifted love; for your kingdom's sake. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer begins on the next page.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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 for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the Creator
bless you and keep you;
may the beloved companion face you
and have mercy upon you;
may the eternal Spirit's countenance
be turned to you and give you peace;
may the Three in One bless you.

The service concludes

Officiant: The divine Spirit dwells in us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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