

Midday Prayers

Opening responses

- Leader: Creator of the world, eternal God,
All: We have come from many places for a little while.
- Leader: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,
**All: We have come with all our differences,
seeking common ground.**
- Leader: Spirit of unity, go-between God,
**All: We have come on journeys of our own,
to a place where journeys meet.**
- Leader: So here, in this place, let us take time together.
For when paths cross and pilgrims gather,
there is much to share and celebrate
- All: In your name, three-in-one God,
pattern of our community**

Verses from Psalms 24, 50 and 104

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it
the world and all that lives in it.
All the animals of the forest are the Lord's
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
The Lord makes grass grow for the cattle
and plants for us to cultivate
bringing forth food from the earth
wine that gladdens our hearts
oil to make our faces shine
bread that sustains our hearts.
The Lord makes springs pour water into the valleys;
it flows between the mountains.
The birds of the air nest by the waters;
they sing among the branches.

Reading Luke 14: 15-24

Reflection 'What will be folded into your hand?'

Prayers

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today
and for whom we want to pray

We bring to God someone who is hurting today and needs our prayer

We bring to God the Church throughout the world and in the places
from which we come

We bring to God a troubled situation in our world today

We bring to God silently, someone whom we find hard to forgive or
trust

We bring ourselves to God
that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
clarity of mind
and warmth of affection.

Closing responses

Leader: The blessing of the Trinity ...

All: The blessing of God

Leader: who is in this place and every place;

All: The blessing of Jesus

Leader: who is among us, often unrecognised;

All: The blessing of the Holy Spirit

Leader: encouraging us to welcome, and to feel at home;

All: ... be with us all.

Leader: Sharing this place and time,
may our life in community
reflect the dance of the Trinity,
by which the world is blessed.

All: Amen.