

An Order of Service for Midday

Book of Common Prayer (emended)

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Hymn of Praise

Latin Text

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.
Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites.
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:
Gaudium quod est immensum, atque probum,
Saecula per infinita saeculorum.
Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Amen.

English Translation

When love is true, there is God.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.
When love is true, there is God.
At the same time, therefore, are gathered into one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time we see that with the saints also,
Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good,
Unto the world without end.
When love is true, there is God.
Amen.

Here now these several scriptures which comfort both heart and mind:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

People **Thanks be to God.**

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

People **Thanks be to God.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Short Mediation.

Officiant Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

***People* And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at midday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Spirit of truth and life, who at first hovered over the waters of chaos and brought forth life, hover over us now, shelter us underneath your wings, that amidst the chaos of uncertain times, we may feel the truth of your love welling up in our hearts unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.