A LITURGY
FOR
MID-DAY PRAYER

Transforming Center
A Liturgy for Mid-Day Prayer

† OPENING
O God, make speed to save us.
O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP US.

† LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

† RESPONSE
Lord, I believe my life is touched by you, that you want something for me and of me.
GIVE ME EARS TO HEAR YOU,
EYES TO SEE THE TRACING OF YOUR FINGER, AND A HEART QUICKENED BY THE MOTIONS OF YOUR SPIRIT.
AMEN.

† A GENERAL THANKSGIVING
Leader: Almighty God, we give you thanks for this life and all its blessings,
Response: for joys great and simple,
for gifts and powers more than we deserve,
Leader: for love at the heart of your purpose and wisdom in all your works,
Response: for light in the world brought once in Christ and always shining through your Spirit.
Leader: Giving thanks to you we pray for that light to dawn upon us daily
Response: that we may always have grateful hearts, and a will to love and to serve you to the end of our days.
ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER AND OUR PRAISES, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Come and Fill Our Hearts

PSALM READING – PSALM 25
Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
Response: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame: do not let my enemies exult over me.
Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
Response: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Response: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness sake, O LORD!
Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
Response: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
Response: Who are they that fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

PSALM PRAYER
We pause amidst the labors of this day, O God, to lift our souls to you.
GRANT US STRENGTH AND GRACE SUFFICIENT TO THE REMAINDER OF THIS DAY, THAT WE MIGHT MOVE THROUGH ITS UNFOLDING IN HUMBLE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WILL, IN SENSITIVITY TO YOUR SPIRIT AND IN JOYFUL EXPECTANCY OF YOUR COMING KINGDOM. AMEN.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE
This is the Word of the Lord!
THANKS BE TO GOD.

SILENCE

Come and Fill Our Hearts (reprise)

THE COLLECT FOR GRACE
O God, by whom we are guided in judgment, and who raises up for us light in the darkness:
GRANT US, IN ALL OUR DOUBTS AND UNCERTAINTIES, THE GRACE TO ASK WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE US TO DO; THAT YOUR SPIRIT OF WISDOM MAY SAVE US FROM ALL FALSE CHOICES, AND IN YOUR STRAIGHT PATH WE MAY NOT STUMBLE;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

† DISMISSAL
Let us go forth in the Peace of Christ.
AMEN.
Let us receive this meal with gratitude.
AMEN.
Let us bless the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.