

# ST. MATTHEW'S



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**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**March 25-27, 2024**

**Midday Prayer • 12 Noon**





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Twelve noon  
Midday Prayer

Midday Prayer (BCP p.33)

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**(Monday) Psalm 36:5-10 (Said in unison)**

**5 Your mercy, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

**6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains; your judgments are like the great deep: \*you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.**

**7 How excellent is your mercy, O God! \*The children of men shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**

**8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of your house; \* and you shall give them drink from your pleasures as out of a river.**

**9 For with you is the well of life; \*and in your light shall we see light.**

**10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; \* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**(Tuesday) Psalm 71:1-11 (Said in unison)**

**1 In you, O Lord, have I put my trust; \*let me never be put to shame.**  
**2 Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; \*incline your ear to me and save me.**  
**3 Be my rock and my refuge, where I may always return; \*you have promised to help me, for you are my stronghold and my fortress.**  
**4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, \*out of the hand of the unrighteous and the cruel.**  
**5 For you, O Lord God, are the one I long for; \*you are my hope, even from my youth.**  
**6 Through you have I been upheld ever since I was born; \*you took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.**  
**7 I have become a portent to many; \*but you are my refuge and my strength.**  
**8 O let my mouth be filled with your praise \*that I may sing of your glory all the day long.**  
**9 Cast me not away in the time of old age; \*forsake me not when my strength fails me.**  
**10 For my enemies speak against me, and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together. \*They say, "God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him, for there is none to deliver him."**  
**11 Go not far from me, O God; \*my God, make haste to help me.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;\* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**(Wednesday) Psalm 69:6-14, 21-22 (Said in unison)**

**6 Let not those who trust in you, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me; \*let not those who seek you be confounded through me, O God of Israel.**  
**7 Surely for your sake have I suffered reproach; \*shame has covered my face.**  
**8 I have become a stranger to my brethren, \*unknown to my mother's children,**

**9 Because zeal for your house has consumed me, \*and the reproaches of those who reproached you have fallen upon me.**

**10 I wept, and humbled myself with fasting, \*but that was turned to my reproach.**

**11 I put on sackcloth also, \*and I became a byword among them.**

**12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me, \*and the drunkards make songs about me.**

**13 But, Lord, I make my prayer to you \*in an acceptable time.**

**14 Hear me, O God, in the multitude of your mercy, \*even in the truth of your salvation.**

**21 Reproach has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; \*I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no one, neither have I found any to comfort me.**

**22 They gave me gall to eat, \*and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;\* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **(Monday) Scripture Reading & Meditation**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to

bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Isaiah 42:1-9

3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. 4 There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. 9 And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

Mark 14:3-9

### **(Tuesday) Scripture Reading & Meditation**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says: “It is

too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Isaiah 49:1-6

And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. And when evening came they went out of the city. Mark 11:15-19

### **(Wednesday) Scripture Reading & Meditation**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Isaiah 50:4-9

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.” Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him. Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

Matthew 26:1-5, 14-25

*Officiant:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Meditation** (*officiant*)

**The Prayers (BCP p.37)**

*Officiant* I will bless the Lord at all times.

*People* **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant and People*

**The Lord's Prayer & Concluding Collect (BCP p.37-38)**

*Officiant* O Lord, hear our prayer;

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**(Concluding Collects are found on page 38 in the Book of Common Prayer)**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14T*