



Service of Midday Prayer
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Commemoration of Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe

Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Ps. 124:8
Maker of heaven and earth.

The mighty one, God the Lord, Ps. 50:1
Speaks and summons the earth
From the rising of the sun to its setting.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn 324

For All the Faithful Women

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1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.
2. We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.
3. We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan
While Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
And found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.
4. Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

Prayer

Almighty God, you inspired your servants Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe to support and sustain your church by their deeds of generous love: Open our hearts to hear you, conform our will to love you, and strengthen our hands to serve you; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Acts 16:14-15

Acts 9: 36-43

Romans 16:1-2

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

Hymn 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving...
3. Lord, I want to be more holy...
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus...

Dismissal

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**