Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.
Noonday Prayer

SERVICE NOTES: Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory 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. Alleluia.

PSALM 12

All Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; *
the faithful have vanished from among us.

Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; *
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, *
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; *
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”

“Because the needy are oppressed,
and the poor cry out in misery, *
I will rise up,” says the Lord,
“and give them the help they long for.”

The words of the Lord are pure words, *
like silver refined from ore
and purified seven times in the fire.

O Lord, watch over us *
and save us from this generation for ever.

The wicked prowl on every side, *
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

Glory 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.

MATTHEW 11:2–11

Officiant When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him,
“Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell
John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the
deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone
who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the
wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed
in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A
prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Prayers

Officiant Lord have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

Officiant Lord have mercy.

All 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who beholds all things and whose judgment is always mercy; by the example of your servant Brigid of Sweden, give to us in this life the vision of your Kingdom where Jesus Christ is all and in all, that we may pattern our lives on things heavenly, where our lives are hidden with Christ in you, O Father, who with him and the Holy Spirit live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant 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.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Officiant

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