Tuesday & Thursday Midday Worship Bishop's Leadership Conference Diocese of Olympia

As we pause to feed our bodies in the middle of the day, we pause also to feed our souls by vowing again to live faithfully.

Opening Song: Peruvian Gloria



Call to Worship

Celtic Benediction Tuesday Evening Prayer by J. Philip Newell

The world is alive with your goodness, O God,

It grows green from the ground and ripens into the roundness of fruit.

Its taste and its touch

Enliven my body and stir my soul.

Generously given, profusely displayed

your graces of goodness pour forth from the earth.

As I have received,

So free me to give.

As I have been granted

So may I share.

Let us pray.
Gracious God,
in your Son Jesus Christ
you richly bless us with all that we need,
bread from the earth and the bread of heaven,
which gives life to the world.
Grant us one thing more:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=322

Psalmody: More Than Enough / Psalm 78:23-29

By Lacey Brown / Poor Clare Music

Refrain:

You give us what we need More than enough to eat And all we have is from you Living water and food

So God commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;
God rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.
Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
God sent them food in abundance.
God caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by God's power the south wind was led;
God rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;
God let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.
And they ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

Refrain

The Reading - Malachi 1:11

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 grain offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

Thanks be to God.

Silence & Stillness

A bell is rung. A period of silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer for Before or After A Meal

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals, Prayer for Before or After a Meal

As we prepare to receive our next meal, let us come before God with gratitude, and pray for the needs of others.

Lord, hear our prayer; **And let our cry come to you.**Let us pray.

O Holy One, Creator of all, in your wisdom, you have bound us together so that we must depend on others for the food we eat, the resources we use, the gifts of your creation that bring life, health, and joy. **Creator God, we give thanks.**

Holy be the hands that sew our clothes, so that we do not have to go naked; sacred be the hands that build our homes so that we do not have to be cold; blessed be the hands that work the land so that we do not have to go hungry.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the feet of all who labor so that we might have rest; sacred be the feet of all who run swiftly to stand with the oppressed; blessed be the feet of all whose bodies are too broken or weary to stand.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the sound of children laughing to take away our sorrow; sacred be the sound of water falling to take away our thirst; blessed be the sound of your people singing to heal our troubled hearts. **Creator God, we give thanks.**

Holy be the bodies of those who know hunger; sacred be the bodies of those who are broken; blessed be the bodies of those who suffer.
In your mercy and grace, soften our callous hearts and fill us with your gratitude for all the gifts you have given us.

In your love, break down the walls that separate us and guide us along your path of peace, that we might humbly worship you in Spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

Closing Song: *In The Lord*

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful In the Lord, I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Closing Prayer & Dismissal

John Birch, posted on Faith and Worship - Prayers and Resources: http://www.faithandworship.com/.

God of harvest,
you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us and,
having provided for us,
look to a different harvest—
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you
and others.
God of harvest,
feed us
prune us
harvest us
that our lives
might bring glory to you.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.