

# ORDER for BAPTIST MINISTRY

## *Midday Prayers* Mondays and Pentecost

### **Celebrating the presence of God**

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

*In the midst of the day,  
we pause to reflect upon  
God's goodness and mercy,  
and to commit the day afresh  
to his guidance and upholding.*

Lord of all life,  
in whom we have our being,  
breathing your Spirit upon us  
until we are filled  
with grace and love,  
***we give you thanks  
that in the midst of time  
we breathe the air of eternity;  
in the crush of a busy day  
we are given space to breathe;  
in a fragmented world  
you centre us in Christ  
by your loving Spirit  
in the Father's peace.***

*A pause to acknowledge  
any specific thanks and praise*

## **Acknowledging our humanity**

We pause ....

..... ***and recollect.***

We rest .....

..... ***and find fresh strength.***

We repent ....

..... ***and receive your forgiveness.***

We lift up our eyes ....

..... ***and find new hope.***

We listen to the Spirit....

.... ***and hear the whisper of grace.***

## **Listening for the Word**

*A freely chosen reading, the Gospel from the Communion readings from the Common Lectionary, or*

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: .....

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16–19a; 22–25.

## **Bringing our concerns**

We pray for those who have no time to rest,  
who have no time to breathe deeply,  
who are anxious and busy.

***Put them on 'pause.'***

We pray for those who have nothing to do,  
whose life seems fruitless,  
whose days pass slow

***Set their life to 'play' again***

We pray for those who are resisting your call to act, to pray, to live.

***Refresh your story written into theirs, until all of life sings with your song.***

We pray for our world,  
church,  
members of this Order  
and circle of friends and family ...

## **Continuing to love and serve**

***Spirit of God***

***Come, replay the melody of  
grace through us;***

***Come, refresh the story of Christ among us;***

***Come, remake the image of Jesus within us;***

***Come, renew our hearts in the Father's love,***

***until all of life is carried on the breath of your gentle presence.***

***Amen.***

(+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit)