

Wisdom

Terce (Traditional hour: mid-morning)

Having asked for direction and guidance, we pray now to equip ourselves properly for the journey ahead.

Opening All that we owe is redeemed
in the love of God.

Prayer Wise and loving God, you bear us for joy. In humility, you show us wisdom. Enfold us at this hour with the knowledge born of love. Awaken within us the desire to know rightly and the will to live justly, with grace and generosity. **Amen.**

Praise *A Song of True Motherhood*

God chose to be our mother in all things *
and so made the foundation of his work,
most humbly and most pure, in the
Virgin's womb.

God, the perfect wisdom of all *
arrayed himself in this humble place.

Christ came in our poor flesh *
to share a mother's care.

Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and
endless life.

Christ carried us within him in love and travail, *
until the full time of his passion.

And when all was complete and he had carried us
so for joy, *
still all this could not satisfy the power
of his wonderful love.

All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *
for the love of Christ works in us;
Christ is the one whom we love.

Julian of Norwich ⁶

Scripture A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. Isaiah 11: 1-2, 4

Meditation The desert is always the same, the sky is always beautiful, the road deserted....
The only thing that is always new is God.
Carlo Carretto ⁷

How will we ask for new eyes to see God and to see the needs in God's world?

Prayers Holy One, as we prepare for the advent of Christ,
Give us your spirit of wisdom.
As we seek to embody your love in the world,
Give us your spirit of good counsel.
As we seek to be faithful,
Give us eyes to see beyond the obvious.
As we gather in this hour, we lift all in need
before you.

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

May we be instruments of your peace on earth
as we accept the gifts of your Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

Prayer God, whose holy name defies our definition but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed: Make us one with all who cry for justice, that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.** ⁸

Going Out All that we owe is redeemed
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