

# CHRISTAL TEMPLE

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### MIDDAY PRAYER

V = *versus*/the person leading midday prayer

#### SENTENCE

V We are heard. come in to the soul,  
In the kindness of the Spirit, Love shows Her tenderness.  
when the waters are

(adapted from Ps. 69)

A short silence. Bells are rung.

#### INVOCATION

This invocation is usually said *standing*.

V Spirit of all the winds  
All Come. Be with us now!  
V Earth and Heaven make haste  
All Here, where we pray!  
V All Glory, Divine name: Father-Mother God!  
God made manifest in us! Spirit of Wholeness!  
All From the beginning, now, and for ever!  
Let us be joyful in praise!

#### SONG

*Nada te turbe,  
Nada te espante:  
Quien a Dios tiene  
Nada le falta.  
Solo Dios basta.*

Nothing can trouble  
Nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God  
Shall never go wanting.  
God alone fills us.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The second system has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The third system has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The Spanish lyrics are: *Nada te turbe, Nada te espante: Quien a Dios tiene Nada le falta. Solo Dios basta.* The English lyrics are: *Nothing can trouble Nothing can frighten. Those who seek God Shall never go wanting. God alone fills us.* The chords are indicated above the notes: Am, Dm7, G, CM7, F, Dm6, E, Am, Am, Dm7, G, Em/C, F, Dm6, E, Am.

## PSALM - the 139th Psalm from the Jewish Psalter

It is customary to *sit* and to say (sing) the verses alternately between two groups of people; the \* indicates a rather long, relaxing pause for breath.

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out  
and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my  
rising up; you discern my thoughts  
from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my  
resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my  
lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful  
for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are  
there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts  
of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will  
cover me,\*  
and the light around me turn to night',
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both  
alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost  
parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's  
womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am so  
marvellously made; \*  
your works are wonderful and I  
know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and  
woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet  
unfinished in the womb; all of them  
were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts,  
O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would  
be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span  
would need to be like yours.

## READING

His disciples asked him and said to him, "Do you want us to fast? How should we pray? Should we give to charity? What diet should we observe?"

Jesus said, "Don't lie, and don't do

what you hate, because all things are disclosed before heaven. After all, there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and there is nothing covered up that will remain undisclosed."

*Gospel of Thomas 6ff*

*The Reader may say*  
Here ends the reading

*All may respond*  
**Thank you**

## SILENT MEDITATION

*"Giving up for Lent (Life)"*

*Choose something to transform and write it on a piece of paper.  
Then allow the Divine Voice in meditation to inform you.*

*After a period of meditation time, the bell is rung.  
The papers are gathered and burnt to represent transformation.*

## PRAYERS

COLLECT *over the ashes*

V O Creator Spirit  
You despise nothing that  
You have made,  
and Your Love is  
deep within us all,  
even when we do not  
remember.  
  
Bless (‡) these ashes,  
- a token of our returning.  
Here we create within ourselves

renewed and loving hearts;  
Here we again feel You  
in every mind, knowing,  
- bringing our thoughts  
back home to us,  
and through You-in-us,  
clasp us to our True Selves.  
  
For this gift we give  
eternal gratitude,  
and never-ending praise.

**All Amen**

*We receive the mark of ash on our forehead (or hand) as a sign of transformation.*

*After this ceremony, other prayers for the community, the sick, troubled, dying,  
recently departed, etc., may be added. These words of healing may be used*

**Re-member your Wholeness.  
Re-member the Essence of Who you Are  
We hold you with Love,  
we stand with you in Encouragement  
and we encompass you with Divine Healing.**

*And this prayer*

**V** Creator Spirit,  
You have promised that when  
we are gathered in Your name  
You will grant our requests.

Fulfill now, o Holy Spirit,  
the desires and prayers of  
Your divine children

according to our  
Highest Purpose,  
as You have assured us.

We await, intend  
and affirm this  
in Your name.

**All Amen**

#### THE PRAYER OF DIVINE INTENTION

**All** We conceive of Joy  
We conceive of Boundless Love  
We conceive of Peace  
within us and without.

We conceive of Life  
in Abundance and in Freedom  
for all creatures,  
for all things, for all realms.

We here lay aside

all our grudges  
and all hate.

We receive forgiveness  
and we here forgive.

We conceive of deep Safety  
as we walk,  
as we make Heaven on Earth.

Now  
and for all the ages.

*Here it is suitable that everyone stand*

#### SENDING

**V** O Creator Spirit, bless us!

**All** We are blest in Spirit  
and in one another!

**V** Let us spread this joy!

**All** Ho!

*"Remember, o Starchild of the Divine, that you are also Earthdust,  
and as a Starchild, you may return with your Earthdust to the Divine!"*

*adapted from the Ash Wednesday Liturgy by Christine Knickle*

