

## **Midday Prayer – Sunday or for Feasts of Our Lord**

### **Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> – The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

*An order adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer: Society of St Francis*

*You are welcome to respond with the parts in **bold type***

#### **Preparation**

God is with you  
**And also with you**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .**

**Alleluia!**

*A HYMN may be sung or said, the following or some other.*

**To God our Father, thanks and praise  
For this, the first and dawn of days:  
The day when through your word of might  
From chaos was created light.**

**The day on which your well-loved Son  
O'er death and hell the triumph won;  
The day on which the Spirit came,  
Your gift to us, in wind and flame.**

**To you, our Father, through your Son,  
And in the Spirit, Three in One:  
We, new-created on this day,  
New songs of love and glory pay. Amen.**

#### **The Word of God**

#### **Psalmody**

##### **Psalm 121**

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;\*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot be moved\*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel\*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
5 The Lord himself watches over you;\*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,\*  
nor the moon by night.  
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;\*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out  
and your coming in,\*  
from this time forth for evermore.  
**Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .**

## Short Reading

In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *John 1.4,5*

## Responsory

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
**The leopard lie down with the kid;**

The calf and the lion together,  
**And a little child shall lead them.**

They will not hurt or destroy  
**On all my holy mountain.**

For the earth will be full of the knowledge of God  
**As the waters cover the sea.**

## Prayers

*At the end*

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son was circumcised  
in obedience to the law for our sake  
and given the Name that is above every name:  
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,  
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### **The Disciples Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray as our Redeemer has taught us:  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**Hallowed be your name.**  
**Your kingdom come, your will be done**  
**On earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread,**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
**And deliver us from evil.**  
**For the Kingdom, the power and the Glory are yours,**  
**Now and forever.**  
**Amen**

### **Blessing**

May God who made both heaven and earth bless us.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless our Loving God.  
**Thanks be to God.**