The Society of St Francis

Celebrating Common Prayer

Midday Prayer – Thursday or Daily in Epiphany

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

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a Feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

George Herbert (1633)

The Word of God

Psalmody

PSALM 132

1 Lord, remember David*
and all the hardships he endured;
2 How he swore an oath to the Lord*
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
3 'I will not come under the roof of my house,*
nor climb up into my bed;
4 'I will not allow my eyes to sleep,*
nor let my eyelids slumber;
5 'Until I find a place for the Lord,*
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'
6 'The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratha;*
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
7 'Let us go to God's dwelling place;*
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.'
8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,*
you and the ark of your strength.
9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;*
let your faithful people sing with joy.
10 For your servant David's sake,*
do not turn away the face of your anointed.
11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David;*
in truth, he will not break it:
12 'A son, the fruit of your body*
will I set upon your throne.
13 'If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,*
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.'
14 For the Lord has chosen Zion,*
he has desired her for his habitation:
15 'This shall be my resting-place for ever;*

here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
16 'I will surely bless her provisions,*
and satisfy her poor with bread.
17 'I will clothe her priests with salvation,*
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
18 'There will I make the horn of David flourish;*
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
19 'As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame;*
but as for him, his crown will shine.'

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Short Reading

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour.You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15.7,8,10,11

Responsory

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And when you pass through rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned:
And the flame shall not consume you.

Do not fear, for I am with you,
I am the Holy One, your Saviour.

Prayers

THE KYRIES may be used as responses to intercession.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

one of the following or some other.

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Benedict of Nursia (c.550)

THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER may be said.

[Let us pray for the unity of all peoples on earth,
in the words our Saviour 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

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Blessing

May Christ our redeemer give us healing and wholeness. **Amen**.

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