

Midday Prayer – Friday (can be used daily in Lent)

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

March 1st – St David's Day

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 .

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

We bless you, Father, Lord of life,
To whom all living beings tend,
The source of holiness and grace,
Our first beginning and our end.

We give you thanks, redeeming Christ,
Who bore the weight of sin and shame;
In dark defeat you conquered sin,
And death, by dying, overcame.

Come, Holy Spirit, searching fire,
Whose flame all evil burns away.
With light and love come down to us
In silence and in peace to stay.

We praise you, God, the Three in One,
Sublime in majesty and might:
You reign for ever, Lord of all,
In splendour and unending light. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 3

1 Lord, how many adversaries I have! *
How many there are who rise up against me!
2 How many there are who say to me, *
“There is no help for you in your God.”
3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; *
you are my glory, the One who lifts up my head.
4 I call aloud upon you, O Lord, *
and you answer me from your holy hill.
5 I lie down and go to sleep; *
I wake again, because you, O Lord, sustain me.
6 I do not fear the multitudes of people *
who set themselves against me all around.
7 Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God; *
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.
8 Deliverance belongs to you, O Lord. *
Your blessing be upon your people!

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Short Reading

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? *Joel 2.12-14*

Responsory

Come, you that are blessed of my Father,
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,

I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.

As you did it to one of the least,
You did it to me.

Prayers

At the end

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

God of Sarah and Abraham,
long ago you embraced your people in covenant
and promised them your blessing,
strengthen us in faith,
so that, with your followers in every age,
we may proclaim our deliverance in Jesus Christ
to generations yet unborn. **Amen**

The Disciples Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom
and teach us to pray:

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 Christ our brother give us peace.
Amen.

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