## Celebrating Common Prayer

***The Society of St Francis***

# Midday Prayer – Wednesday

## 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 said or sung, the following or some other.*

Lord Christ, you came on us to shine
True light from the eternal Light!
And now the Father's brightness rests
On those who long have dwelt in night.

O see how all that lives and breathes
True homage gives in deed and word:
The glory of almighty God,
The Father's image, Christ our Lord.

We bless the Father, Fount of light,
And you, O Christ, belovèd Son,
Who, with the Spirit, dwell in us;
The only God; the Three in One. Amen.

## The Psalmody

## Psalm 127

1 Unless the Lord builds the house,*
their labour is in vain who build it.
2 Unless the Lord watches over the city,*
in vain the guard keeps vigil.
3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;*
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for God gives to their belovèd sleep.
4 Children are a heritage from the Lord,*
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior*
are the children of one's youth.
6 Happy are they who have their quiver full of them!*
they shall not be put to shame
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

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

## Scripture Reading

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came intothe world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

*John 18.33,36-38*

## The Response

I bow my knees before the Father
**From whom every family takes its name.**

May we be strengthened in our inner being
**With power through the Holy Spirit.**

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith
**As we are being rooted and grounded in love.**

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge
**And be filled with all the fullness of God.**

## The 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

Loving God,
from birth to death, you hold us in your hand:
make us strong to bear each others burdens
and humble to share our own,
that as one family
we may rest in your power
and trust in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
**Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray in faith and trust:

**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**

## The Blessing

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**