Celebrating Common Prayer

The Society of St Francis

Midday Prayer – Tuesday (or Daily in Advent)

(amended)

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! *(Omitted in Lent)*

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

O God of truth, O Lord of might,
You order time and change aright,
And send the early morning ray
And light the glow of perfect day.

Extinguish every sinful fire
And banish all our ill desire;
And, while you keep the body whole,
Shed forth your peace upon the soul.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son,
Who, with the Spirit, reigns above,
Three Persons in one God of love. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

PSALM 125

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
2 The hills stand about Jerusalem;*
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
3 The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the just,*
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good*
and to those who are true of heart.
5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;*
but peace be upon Israel

PSALM 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*
then were we like those who dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3 Then they said among the nations,*
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4 The Lord has done great things for us,*
and we are glad indeed.
5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses of the Negev.
6 Those who sowed with tears*
will reap with songs of joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,*
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .

The Short Reading

They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. *Isaiah 35.2c-6*

Responsory

Unless the Lord builds the house,
Those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord defends the city,
The guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early
And go so late to rest.

Vain, also, to eat the bread of toil,
For God gives to God's belovèd sleep.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
Your Maker will guard your life.

God will keep your going out and your coming in,
Now and for evermore.

Prayers

The minister leads extempore or prepared intercessions

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

God of grace and goodness,
who made us body and spirit
that our work and faith may be one:
may we, by our life and worship,
join in your labour to bring forth a new creation
in justice, love and truth;
through Jesus, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Disciples' Prayer

As we look for the coming of your reign,
Lord, 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**

THE BLESSING

May God bless the work of our hands. **Amen.**

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