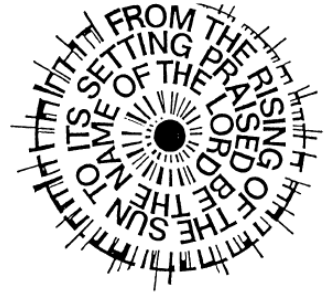


The Society of St Francis

Celebrating Common Prayer

Midday Prayer – Thursday



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.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 81

- 1 Sing merrily to God our strength, *
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Take up the song and sound the timbrel, *
the tuneful lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, *
as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.
- 4 For this is a statute for Israel, *
a law of the God of Jacob,
- 5 The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, *
when they came out of the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard a voice I did not know, that said: *
'I eased their shoulder from the burden;
their hands were set free from bearing the load.
- 7 'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you; *
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and proved you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: *
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 'There shall be no strange god among you; *
you shall not worship a foreign god.

- 10 'I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt; *
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'
- 11 But my people would not hear my voice *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts, *
and let them walk after their own counsels.
- 13 O that my people would listen to me, *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 Then I should soon put down their enemies *
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

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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

Sustainer of the hungry,
like a mother you feed your children until each is satisfied.
Turn our eyes to you alone,
so that, aware of our own deepest longings,
we reach out with Christ
to free others with the depth of your love.
Amen

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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**

Blessing

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

Let us bless our Loving God.

Thanks be to God.