#### 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.

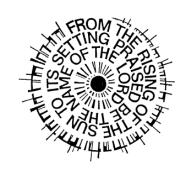
Alleluia!

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 133**

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is \* to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, \* running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, \* running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \* running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: \* even life for evermore..

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## **Short Reading**

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

## 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.

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Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### The Collect

O gracious and holy Creator, 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) Altd.

#### THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER

[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.