

# 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, beloved Son,  
Who, with the Spirit, dwell in us;  
The only God; the Three in One. Amen.

## The Psalmody

### Psalm 24.1-6

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, \*  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas \*  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, \*  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, \*  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

**Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit**

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

### Scripture Reading

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

*Matthew 24.30,31*

### 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**

Timeless One,  
you create all moments of our lives,  
giving each its meaning and its purpose.  
Strengthen us to witness continually  
to the love of Jesus Christ,  
so that we may hold fast in times of trial,  
even to the end of the ages.

*Revised Common Lectionary prayers (2002) alt.*

**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.**