Midday Prayer – Monday

An order adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer: Society of St Francis
Lectionary from Common Worship, Church of England, Midday Prayer

You are welcome to respond with the parts in **bold** *type*

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 sung or said, the following or some other.

Come, Holy Spirit, ever One
With God the Father and the Son:
Come swiftly, Fount of grace, and pour
Into our hearts your boundless store.

With all our strength, with heart and tongue,
By word and deed your praise be sung:
And love light up our mortal frame
Till others catch the living flame.

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 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 songs of joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, *
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, *
and therefore we rejoiced.

5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, *
as the river beds of the desert.

6 Those who sow in tears *
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, *
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

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Short Reading

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' *Matthew 25.19–21*

Hear what the Spirit is saying
Thanks be to God

Responsory

This is the sign of the Covenant
That I make between myself and you.

I set my bow in the clouds
The sign of the Covenant between us.

The Covenant between God and creation
And all that lives on the earth.

The Collect

God of mercy,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and actions help us to follow his example,
so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity;
through Jesus Christ, our great reward.**Amen**

The Disciples Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as Jesus taught his friends:
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 God kindle in us the fire of love.
Amen.

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