Midday Prayer – Sunday or Easter

An order adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer: Society of St Francis

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.

To God our Father, thanks and praise For this, the first and dawn of days: The day when through your word of might From chaos was created light.

The day on which your well-loved Son O'er death and hell the triumph won; The day on which the Spirit came, Your gift to us, in wind and flame.

To you, our Father, through your Son, And in the Spirit, Three in One: We, new-created on this day, New songs of love and glory pay. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 111

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, * in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.



- 2 The works of the Lord are great, * sought out by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and honour * and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; * the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gave food to those who feared him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his works * in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; * all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever; * they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it; * his praise endures for ever.

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Short Reading

As the two disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Luke 24.28-32

Responsory

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

The leopard lie down with the kid;

The calf and the lion together,

And a little child shall lead them.

They will not hurt or destroy **On all my holy mountain.**

For the earth will be full of the knowledge of God As the waters cover the sea.

Prayers

At the end

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

God of the new fire and feasting at daybreak: come to us in the dullness of routine and the pain of betrayal; call to us in the way of the cross and the joy of resurrection; through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **Amen**

The Disciples Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray as our Redeemer 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 God who made both heaven and earth bless us.

Amen.

Let us bless our Loving God.

Thanks be to God.