

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 48

- 1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, *
in the city of our God.
- 2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, *
the joy of all the earth.
- 3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, *
stands the city of the great king.
- 4 In her palaces God has shown himself *
to be a sure refuge.
- 5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and swept forward together.
- 6 They saw, and were dumbfounded; *
dismayed, they fled in terror.
- 7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour, *
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: *
God has established her for ever.
- 9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; *

your right hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, *
because of your judgements, O Lord.

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers; *
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

13 That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever. *
It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

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Scripture Reading

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

John 18.33,36-38

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

Ever-faithful God,
whose being is perfect righteousness:
you reconcile us in your Son
with the helpless and the needy,
with those we would ignore or oppress,
and with those we call our enemies,
so that we, as your hands of love, may serve all people
and sit at the feet of those
who need our compassionate care.

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.