

The Society of St Francis

Celebrating Common Prayer

Midday Prayer

Thursday or Daily in Epiphany

Amended



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.*

O God, creation's secret force,
Yourself unmoved, all motion's source,
Who from the morn till evening's ray
Through all its changes guide the day.

Grant us, when this short life is past
The glorious evening that shall last,
That, by a holy death attained,
Eternal glory may be gained.

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 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

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15.7,8,10,11

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 intention for today is usually healing and wholeness

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

God of the sabbath,
this is the day and this is the hour
when women long oppressed stand with dignity,

and when you healing escapes our desire for control:
may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts
and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds;
through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful
and the raiser of the dead.

Amen

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.