



Celebrating Common Prayer

Society of St Francis

Midday Prayer – Tuesday (*amended*)



THE PREPARATION

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! (Omitted in Lent)

A HYMN is said or sung

O God of truth, O Lord of might,
You order time and change aright,
And send the early morning ray
And light the glow of perfect day.

Extinguish every sinful fire
And banish all our ill desire;
And, while you keep the body whole,
Shed forth your peace upon the soul.

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

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your name *
and vindicate me by your power.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give heed to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless seek after my life; *
they have not set God before them.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who upholds my life.
- 5 May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; *
destroy them in your faithfulness.
- 6 An offering of a free heart will I give you *
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.
- 7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, *
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

**Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And shall be forever. Amen**

THE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

¹Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens; ²and we sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, ³so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that

this is what we are destined for. ⁴In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know. ⁵For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labour had been in vain.

⁶But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. ⁷For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. ⁸For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. ⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

THE RESPONSE:

Unless the Lord builds the house,
Those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord defends the city,
The guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early
And go so late to rest.

Vain, also, to eat the bread of toil,
For God gives to God's beloved sleep.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
Your Maker will guard your life.

God will keep your going out and your coming in,
Now and for evermore.

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE KYRIES may be used as part of the intercessions

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT:

God of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation:
make us ready for the message that prepares the way,
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
we may eagerly await the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

As we look for the coming of God's reign in fullness,
Lord, teach us to pray:
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.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Keep us from the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory, are yours
now and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God bless the work of our hands. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.