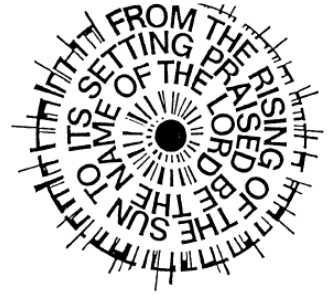


The Society of St Francis

Celebrating Common Prayer

Midday Prayer – Thursday 1st June



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.

Listening for 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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As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .

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

Let us keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,
For there is one body and one Spirit,

one hope of our calling.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Parent of us all.

Grace was given to each of us
According to the measure of the gift of Christ.

He gave some to be apostles, some prophets,
evangelists, pastors and teachers,
For building up the body of Christ.

Until we all attain to the unity of the faith,
To the knowledge of the Son of God.

No longer shall we be children, but fully mature,
Measured by the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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

God of wind and flame,
send your life-giving Spirit upon your people:
give fire to our words,
strength to our witness
and boldness to our proclamation

of your wondrous work in Christ;
who, with you and the Spirit,
lives and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER may be said.

[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.