

Celebrating Common Prayer

Society of St Francis

Midday Prayer – Tuesday or Advent (*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!

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 17.1-8

1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; *
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes behold what is right.
- 3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, *
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; *
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.
- 7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, *
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

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

THE READING

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

Deuteronomy 28.1-6

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:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught the disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

and 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.