

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 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 God, for it is gracious.
- 7 For God 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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.' *Luke 12.35 - 37*

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 justice,
clear our lives of hatred and despair
and sow in us seeds of joy and peace;
so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us
as we await the coming of the Christ,

who with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
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
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.