

## **Midday Prayer – Friday (can be used daily in Lent)**

*An order adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer: Society of St Francis*

*You are welcome to respond with the parts in bold type*

### **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 .**

*A HYMN may be sung or said, the following or some other.*

We bless you, Father, Lord of life,  
To whom all living beings tend,  
The source of holiness and grace,  
Our first beginning and our end.

We give you thanks, redeeming Christ,  
Who bore the weight of sin and shame;  
In dark defeat you conquered sin,  
And death, by dying, overcame.

Come, Holy Spirit, searching fire,  
Whose flame all evil burns away.  
With light and love come down to us  
In silence and in peace to stay.

We praise you, God, the Three in One,  
Sublime in majesty and might:  
You reign for ever, Lord of all,  
In splendour and unending light. Amen.

### **The Word of God**

#### **Psalmody**

#### **Psalm 119. 145 - 152**

145 I call with my whole heart;\*  
answer me, O Lord, that I may keep your statutes.

- 146 I call to you; O that you would save me!\*  
I will keep your decrees.
- 147 Early in the morning I cry out to you,\*  
for in your word is my trust.
- 148 My eyes are open in the night watches,\*  
that I may meditate upon your promise.
- 149 Hear my voice, O Lord,  
according to your loving-kindness,\*  
according to your judgements, give me life.
- 150 They draw near who in malice persecute me;\*  
they are very far from your law.
- 151 You, O Lord, are near at hand,\*  
and all your commandments are true.
- 152 Long have I known from your decrees\*  
that you have established them for ever.

**Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit**

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

**Short Reading** (Caring for the Needy)

Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. *Galatians 6. 2*

**Responsory**

Come, you that are blessed of my Father,  
**Inherit the kingdom prepared for you.**

I was hungry and you gave me food,  
**I was thirsty and you gave me drink,**

I was a stranger and you welcomed me,  
**I was naked and you clothed me,**

I was sick and you took care of me,  
**I was in prison and you visited me.**

As you did it to one of the least,  
**You did it to me.**

**Prayers**

*At the end*

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Collect**

Merciful God,  
you loose the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free:  
give us the will to share our bread with the hungry  
and to give shelter to the homeless poor,  
for thus your glory shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ our living savior  
**Amen**

### **The Disciples Prayer**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom  
and 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,  
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 brother give us peace.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless our Loving God.  
**Thanks be to God.**