# Midday Prayer – Sunday or Easter

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.

Alleluia!

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

To God our Father, thanks and praise For this, the first and dawn of days: The day when through your word of might From chaos was created light.

The day on which your well-loved Son O'er death and hell the triumph won; The day on which the Spirit came, Your gift to us, in wind and flame.

To you, our Father, through your Son, And in the Spirit, Three in One: We, new-created on this day, New songs of love and glory pay. Amen.

The Word of God

## **Psalmody**

### Psalm 66

1 Be joyful in God, all the earth; \* sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of their praise.



- 2 Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! \* Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you.
- 3 'All the earth shall worship you, \* sing to you, sing praise to your name.'
- 4 Come now and behold the works of God, \* how wonderful they are in their dealings with humankind.
- 5 God turned the sea into dry land; the river the people passed through on foot; \* there we rejoiced in God.
- 6 In God's might they rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \* let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, O you peoples; \* make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- 8 Who holds our souls in life \* and suffers not our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \* you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \* you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \* but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

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

# **Short Reading**

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and, as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

## Responsory

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

The leopard lie down with the kid;

The calf and the lion together,

And a little child shall lead them.

They will not hurt or destroy **On all my holy mountain.** 

For the earth will be full of the knowledge of God As the waters cover the sea.

# **Prayers**

#### At the end

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

#### The Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
so that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God, the Source of all life.

Amen

### The Disciples Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray as our Redeemer 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 God who made both heaven and earth bless us. **Amen.** 

Let us bless our Loving God.

Thanks be to God.