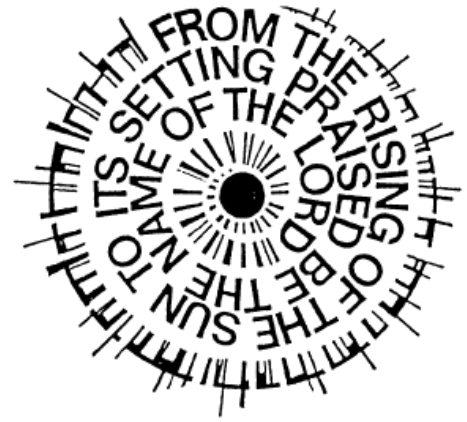


Midday Prayer – Sunday or Easter

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 118.14-24

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *

in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶ "The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; *
those who are righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me *
and has become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit

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

Short Reading

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3.1-4

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

The minister offers prayers of gratitude and intercession, at the end they may say

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Wounded God disabled and divine:
give us faith to perceive you
pierced and embodied,
standing here among us
feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken;
through Christ, the suffering servant.

Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

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.