

Celebrating Common Prayer

The Society of St Francis



Midday Prayer

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 said or sung, the following or some other.

Lord Christ, you came on us to shine

True light from the eternal Light!

And now the Father's brightness rests

On those who long have dwelt in night.

O see how all that lives and breathes

True homage gives in deed and word:

The glory of almighty God,

The Father's image, Christ our Lord.

We bless the Father, Fount of light,

And you, O Christ, beloved Son,

Who, with the Spirit, dwell in us;

The only God; the Three in One. Amen.

The Psalmody

Psalm 133

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is ♦
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, ♦
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, ♦
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon ♦
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: ♦
even life for evermore.

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Scripture Reading

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.9,10

The Response

I bow my knees before the Father

From whom every family takes its name.

May we be strengthened in our inner being

With power through the Holy Spirit.

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith
As we are being rooted and grounded in love.

May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge
And be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Prayers

THE KYRIES may be used as responses to intercession

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Loving God,
from birth to death, you hold us in your hand:
make us strong to bear each others burdens
and humble to share our own,
that as one family
we may rest in your power
and trust in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray in faith and trust:

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

The Blessing

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.