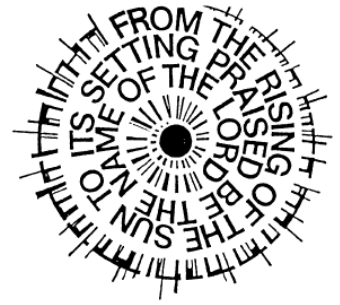


Midday Prayer – Wednesday

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!

Hymn

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 Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 48

1 Great is GOD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is God's holy hill.
2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the
hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great Sovereign.
3 God is in its citadels; *
and is known to be its sure refuge.
4 Behold, the rulers of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a person in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of GOD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established it for ever.
8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to
the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about it; *
count the number of its towers.
12 Consider well its bulwarks;
examine its strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
God shall be our guide for evermore.

Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit

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

Short Reading

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

John 18.33,36-38

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Thanks be to God

Responsory

That which we heard from the beginning,

Which we saw with our own eyes and touched with our hands,

The Word of life, which was from the beginning,

We now proclaim to you.

The old world is passing away

And the new world emerging.

God is our life,

Who brings us new life

The Prayers

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

God of restless fire and urgent river's flow:
Unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions;
unfold our hearts to sense your presence;
unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ,
the first of many brothers and sisters.

Amen

The Disciples Prayer

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

Blessing

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith.
Amen.

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