

Midday Prayer – Sunday (can be used daily in Easter)

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

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

Preparation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia

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 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?

- 2 My help comes from the Lord,*
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;*
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.

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

Short Reading

Wisdom says: I was beside him like a little child, and I was daily his delight, playing in his presence continually, rejoicing in the inhabited world and delighting in the human race. *Proverbs 8. 30-31*

Responsory

Blessèd are you, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
We give you praise and honour for ever.

For you have loved us from all eternity,
And remembered us when we were in trouble.

Blessèd are you, Lord Jesus Christ,
Who, for our salvation, came down from heaven.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
You became incarnate of the Virgin Mary.

You loosed us from our sins by your own blood:
And on the third day rose from the dead.

You ascended up on high,
And opened wide for us the everlasting doors.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
And ever live to intercede for us.

Blessèd are you, O God: Source of all being,
eternal Word and Spirit of life;
We give you praise and honour for ever.

Prayers

At the end

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Maker of all,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
may we discern your hand in all your works
and serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things
now and for ever.
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.