

## **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.

**Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit**  
**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.**