

# **An Order of Service for Mid-Morning**

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*Officiant's Guide*

### *Notes about the service*

This order of service is to be used at the Seminary of the Southwest Monday morning assembly and at other appointed times. A bell or chime is rung by a sacristan to signal the start of the service. There will be a designated lector that will lead the psalm and the scripture reading before the homily is delivered, when appointed.

**Officiant**     **O God, make speed to save us.**  
*People*         O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Except in Lent, add Alleluia.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

*The Psalm appointed for the day.*

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the  
Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*People* Thanks be to God.

*or the following*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed  
away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who  
through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry  
of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be  
great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be  
offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be  
great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant then begins the Prayers*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Christ, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

*or this*

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.

**Officiant**     **Lord, hear our prayer;**  
People             And let our cry come to you.  
**Officiant**     **Let us pray.**

*The officiant then says the Collect of the Day.*

*The officiant may then say one of the following Collects.*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the King eternal, who divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

*Authorized intercessions may be offered.*

*The service concludes as follows*

**Officiant**     **Let us bless the Lord.**  
*People*         Thanks be to God.

*When appointed the lector then reads a scripture passage for the day.*

Lector         The word of the Lord.  
*People*         Thanks be to God

*Then the homily is delivered.*

*The officiant may close with a blessing or suitable prayer.*

*Other suitable Psalms when one is not appointed for the day:*

Psalm 119 Lucerna pedibus meis

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance forever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
forever and to the end.

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

- 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 forevermore.

Psalm 126 In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

*Other suitable selections include Psalms 19,67, one or more sections of Psalm 119, or a selection from Psalms 120 through 133.*