

The Third Order Office.

Officiant . How blessed are those who know their need of God.
 All **The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.**

O God make speed to save us
O Lord make haste to help us

Lead your people to freedom O God
And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Opening Collect. *A Collect appropriate to the time of day may be said. These*

Confession.

Jesus says, repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.
 Let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ confessing our
 sins in penitence and faith.

All **Most merciful God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 we confess that we have sinned in thought word and deed
 We have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves
 In your mercy forgive what we have been
 Help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be
 That we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly
 with You, Our God**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins,
 heal and strengthen us by His Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in
 Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

Antiphon.

All **Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 through whom the world is crucified to me and I to the world.
 (In Eastertide, Alleluia Alleluia)**

THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES.

Most High, all powerful, good Lord ,
 To you be praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Only to you, Most High, do they belong.
 And no one is worthy to call upon your name.

May you be praised, My Lord, with all your creatures,
 especially brother sun,
 through whom you lighten the day for us.

He is beautiful and radiant with great splendour.
 He signifies you, O Most High.

Be praised ,my Lord, for sister moon and the stars.
 clear and precious and lovely they are formed in heaven .

Be praised , my Lord, for brother wind
and by air and clouds, clear skies and all weathers,
by which you give sustenance to your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for sister water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised , my Lord, for brother fire,
By whom the night is illumined for us,
He is beautiful and cheerful, full of power and strength.

Be praised my Lord for sister, our mother earth,
Who sustains and governs us
And produces divers fruits
And coloured flowers and grass.

Be praised, my Lord,
By all who forgive for love of you
And who bear weakness and tribulation.

Blessed are those who bear them in peace;
for you most high they will be crowned

Be praised, my Lord, for our sister,
the death of the body,
from which no one living is able to flee
Woe to those who are dying in mortal sin.

Blessed are those who are found doing your most holy will,
for the second death will do them no harm

Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks
and serve him with great humility.

Or

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
To you be ceaseless praise outpoured,
And blessing without measure;
From you alone all creatures came;
No one is worthy you to name.

My Lord be praised by Brother Sun,
Who through the skies his course does run,
And shines in brilliant splendour/
With brightness he does fill the day,
And signifies y our boundless sway.

My Lord be praised by Sister Moon ,
And all the stars that with her soon
Will point the glitt'ring heavens.
Let wind and air and cloud and calm,
And weathers all repeat the psalm.

By Sister Water then be blessed
 Most humble, ,useful, precious, chaste,
 Be praised by Brother Fire;
 Cheerful is he, robust and bright,
 And strong to lighten all the night.

By Mother Earth my Lord be praised;
 Governed by you, she has upraised
 What for our life is needful.
 Sustained by you through every hour,
 She brings forth fruit and herb and flower.

My Lord be praised by those who prove
 In free forgivingness their love,
 Nor shrink from tribulation.
 Happy , who peaceably endure;
 With you Lord their reward is sure.

By Death, our Sister, praised be
 From whom no one alive can flee,
 Woe to the unprepared!
 But blessed be those who do your will
 And follow your commandments still.

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord
 To you be ceaseless praise outpoured
 And blessing without measure.
 Let every creature thankful be
 And serve in great humility..

Antiphon.

**All. Far be it from me to glory except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ through whom the world is crucified to me and I to the world.
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THE COMMUNITY OBEDIENCE

We adore you most holy Lord, Jesus Christ, here and in all your Churches throughout the world and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world

This is followed by the reading for the day from the Principles

*Intercessions may be offered from the Third Order Intercession lists
 And for other causes as is appropriate.*

SILENCE. A period of quiet reflection should follow.

PRAYER,

The Lord is my light and my salvation. The Lord is the strength of my life.
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The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.
The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is my light and my salvation. The Lord is the strength of my life.

*CANTICLE. THE PRAISES OF GOD.
 Another appropriate Canticle or Psalm may be used.*

You are holy, Lord,, the only God
 And your deeds are wonderful

**You are strong . You are great
 You are the most high, You are almighty.**

You holy Father are king of heaven and earth
 You are three in One, Lord God, all good

**You are good, all good, supremely good
 Lord God, living and true.**

You are love, you are wisdom
 You are humility. You are endurance.

**You are rest. You are peace.
 You are joy and gladness.**

You are justice and moderation
 You are all our riches and you suffice for us.

**You are beauty. You are gentleness
 You are our protector. You are our guardian and defender.**

You are courage. You are our haven and our hope
 You are our faith. You are our great consolation.

**You are our eternal life, great and wonderful Lord
 God almighty, merciful Saviour. Amen.**

SILENCE. A period of Silence may follow at this point.

THE CROSS PRAYERS

Having in mind St Francis' devotion to the Passion of Christ, and looking upon the figure of the crucified, (*with arms outstretched*) let us pray to the Lord.

You have sealed, Lord God, your servant Francis
With the sign of redemption

**Almighty God
 when the world was growing cold,
 to the inflaming of our hearts by the fire of your love
 you raised up blessed Francis
 bearing in his body the marks of the Passion of your Son
 mercifully grant to us your people, true penitence
 and grace to bear the cross for love of Him
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
 One God now and for ever. Amen.**

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 You raised up blessed Francis
 Bearing in his body the marks of the Passion of your son.
 Inflame our hearts by the fire of your love
 And mercifully grant to us your people true penitence
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The Admission and Renewal of Novices takes place here, when they are not taking place during the Eucharist..

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy.
 Lord have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven
 Hallowed be your name
 Your kingdom come,
 Your will be done,
 On earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread
 And forgive us our sins
 As we forgive those who sin against us
 And lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from evil
 For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours
 Now and for ever Amen**

COLLECT.

God our Father you always delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart; grant that following the example of our blessed father Francis we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ, and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**All. May the power of your love, O Lord
 fiery and sweet as honey,
 wean our hearts from all that is under heaven.
 that we may die for the love of your love,
 you who were so good as to die
 for love of our love. Amen**

May God kindle in us the fire of His love, bless us , preserve us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be the God.

Or if a priest is present, the Blessing for Brother Leo.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance
Upon you and give you his peace.
My brothers and sisters, the Lord bless you.