Daytime Prayer

Friday, May 16, 2003

Easter, Week 4 — Friday

OPENING

O God, come to my assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

HYMN

> **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
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> Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
> sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

PSALMODY

Psalm 139 *Deliver Me From Evil Men (Part II)*

> *Ant. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Alleluia.*

Do not hand me over, O Lord, to the desire of the wicked; they have conspired against me; do not abandon me, lest they prevail.

The head of their encirclement: the labor of their lips will overwhelm them.

Burning coals will fall upon them; you will cast them into the fire, into miserable ruin, and they will not endure.

A man of tongue will not be established on the earth; evil will capture the unjust man for his destruction.

I know that the Lord will effect the judgment of the poor, and the vindication of the needy.

Yet truly the just will confess to your name, and the upright will dwell with your face.

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.

> *Ant. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Alleluia.*

Psalm 140 *Let My Prayer Rise Like Incense*

> *Ant. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the feast. Alleluia.*

Lord, I have cried out to you; hear me; give ear to my voice when I cry out to you.

Let my prayer be directed like incense in your sight; the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth, and a surrounding door over my lips.

Do not let my heart turn to words of malice, or to making excuses for sin.

With men who work iniquity, and I will not communicate with the elect of them.

The just man will correct me with mercy and will rebuke me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.

For my prayer is still against their desires; their judges have been swallowed up, joined to the rock.

They will hear my words, for they have been made sweet.

As if a thickness of earth being broken up on the ground, our bones have been scattered beside hell.

For to you, O Lord, Lord, are my eyes; in you I have hoped; take not away my soul.

Keep me from the snare they have laid for me, and from the stumbling blocks of those who work iniquity.

Sinners will fall in his net; I am alone until I pass through.

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.

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SHORT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

RESPONSORY

V. This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia.

R. Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Risen Lord Jesus, you appeared to the disciples and showed them your hands and your side. Show us also the signs of your love and your victory over death; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.