Daytime Prayer

Saturday, April 17, 2004

7th Day within the Octave of Easter

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 119 *I Have Done Justice (Samech)*

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

I have done judgment and justice; do not hand me over to those who slander me.

Accept your servant for good; do not let the proud calumniate me.

My eyes have grown dim for your salvation and for the word of your justice.

Act with your servant according to your mercy, and teach me your justifications.

I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your testimonies.

It is time for the Lord to act; they have dissipated your law.

Therefore, I have loved your commandments above gold and topaz.

Therefore, I was directed toward all your commandments; I have hated every iniquitous way.

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 119 *Your Testimonies Are Wonderful (Ain)*

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

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul has sought them.

The declaration of your words illuminates, and it gives understanding to little ones.

I opened my mouth and drew breath, because I longed for your commandments.

Look upon me and have mercy on me, according to the judgment of those who love your name.

Direct my steps according to your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from the slander of men, and I will keep your commandments.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your justifications.

My eyes have sent forth springs of water, because they have not kept your law.

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

SHORT READING

JOHN 16:22

So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. Alleluia.

RESPONSORY

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

R. Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of Easter, at this midday hour we praise you for the gift of new life. Let that new life be visible in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

And give him thanks.