Evening Prayer

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

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! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, his the scepter, his the throne;
alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Psalm 115 *I Will Lift the Cup of Salvation*

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

I have believed, and so I spoke; but I was humbled exceedingly.

I said in my excess: "Every man is a liar."

What will I repay to the Lord, for all the things that he has given back to me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will repay my vows to the Lord before all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his holy ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the son of your handmaid.

You have broken my bonds.

To you I will offer a sacrifice of praise, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will render my vows to the Lord, in the sight of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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 116 *Praise the Lord, All Nations*

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

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise him, all peoples.

For his mercy has been strengthened upon us; and the truth of the Lord remains forever.

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NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

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We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was; for you have taken up your great power and you have reigned.

And the nations were angry, and your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to your servants the prophets.

And to the saints and to those who fear your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who corrupted the earth.

Now has arrived the salvation and the virtue and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ.

For the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, he who accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

And they loved not their lives, even in the face of death.

Because of this, rejoice, O heavens, and all who dwell in them.

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.

SHORT READING

ACTS 2:32

> God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.

RESPONSORY

V. Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening. Alleluia.

R. The day is now far spent. Alleluia.

V. Make our hearts burn within us,

R. as you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1:46-55)

THE CANTICLE OF MARY (MAGNIFICAT) (LUKE 1:46–55)

> *Ant. The Lord is risen indeed, and he appeared to Simon. Alleluia.*

My soul magnifies the Lord.

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Because he has regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold, from henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Because he who is powerful has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation for those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He has deposed the powerful from their seat, and he has exalted the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has received Israel, his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

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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EVENING INTERCESSIONS

As we close this day in the joy of the resurrection, let us pray, saying:

For the newly baptized throughout the church, that their Easter faith may grow strong: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For all who have yet to hear the good news of the resurrection, that the gospel may reach them: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For the sick and suffering, that the power of the risen Christ may bring them healing and comfort: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For those who have died, that they may share in the victory of Christ over death: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For our world, troubled by conflict and injustice, that the peace of the risen Lord may transform it: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

For ourselves, that we may always live as people of the resurrection, spreading Easter hope wherever we go: we pray to you, O Lord. — *Lord, hear us. Alleluia.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as the Lord himself has taught us:

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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Gracious God, you breathed your Spirit upon the disciples in the upper room. Breathe that same Spirit into our hearts this evening, that we may have peace and bear witness to your risen Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless us: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

REGINA CAELI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia. Has risen as he said,

alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.