# Daytime Prayer

*Thursday, February 23, 2006*

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

## 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

**God of the Morning**

God of the morning, God of the midday hour,
grant us your wisdom and your guiding power;
we pause amid the tasks and toils of day
to seek your face and learn to walk your way.

All things are yours: the sunlight and the rain,
the labor of our hands, the joy and pain;
receive our offering of this broken hour
and bless our work with your renewing power.

To God the Father be all glory given,
and to the Son who drew us close to heaven,
and to the Spirit, fire within the soul,
now and forever, making all things whole.

## PSALMODY

### **Psalm 119** *Forever, O Lord, Your Word (Caph)*

> *Ant. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

Forever, O Lord, your word stands firm in heaven.

Your truth is from generation to generation; you have founded the earth, and it endures.

By your ordinance the day persists, for all things serve you.

Unless your law had been my meditation, perhaps then I would have perished in my humiliation.

Your justifications I will never forget, for in them you have given me life.

I am yours; save me, for I have sought your justifications.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me; but I have understood your testimonies.

I have seen the end of all perfection; your commandment is exceedingly broad.

*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. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

### **Psalm 119** *How I Love Your Law! (Lamed)*

> *Ant. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

O how I have loved your law, O Lord! All day long it is my meditation.

By your commandment, you have made me wiser than my enemies; for it is mine forever.

I have understood more than all my teachers, because your testimonies are my meditation.

I have understood more than the elders, because I have sought your commandments.

From every evil path I have restrained my feet, so that I might keep your words.

I have not declined from your judgments, because you have established a law for me.

How sweet are your words to my palate, more so than honey to my mouth!

By your commandments I have gained understanding; therefore I have hated every path of iniquity.

*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. Praise to you, Lord God, now and forever.*

## SHORT READING

**MATTHEW 5:16**

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

## RESPONSORY

*V. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*R. We bless you from the house of the Lord.*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Almighty God, you sent your Son not to be served but to serve. Strengthen us to be servants of one another and of all who are in need; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## DISMISSAL

Let us praise the Lord.

*And give him thanks.*