Evening Prayer

Friday, May 12, 2006

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 145 *Praise the Lord, O My Soul (Part I)*

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul; in my life I will praise the Lord; I will sing to my God as long as I live.

Do not trust in leaders, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit will depart, and he will return to his earth; on that day all their thoughts will perish.

Blessed is he whose helper is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

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Psalm 145 *Praise the Lord, O My Soul (Part II)*

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

Who keeps truth forever; who executes judgment for those who suffer wrong.

Who gives bread to the hungry; the Lord releases the shackled.

The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord lifts up those who have been crushed.

The Lord loves the just; the Lord guards the newcomers.

He will take up the orphan and the widow, and the way of sinners he will destroy.

The Lord will reign forever; your God, O Zion, throughout generation and generation.

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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

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

> But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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.

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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

Almighty Father, you raised your Son from death to glory. Raise us also from all that diminishes life, and grant us a foretaste of the glory that is to come; 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.